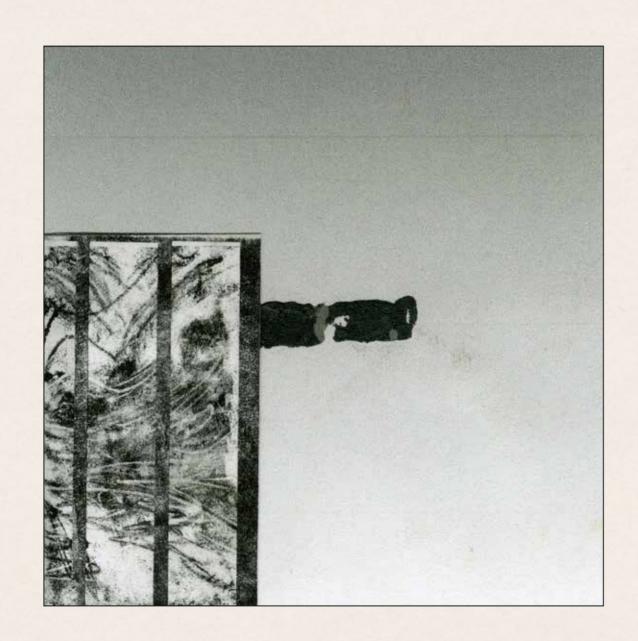
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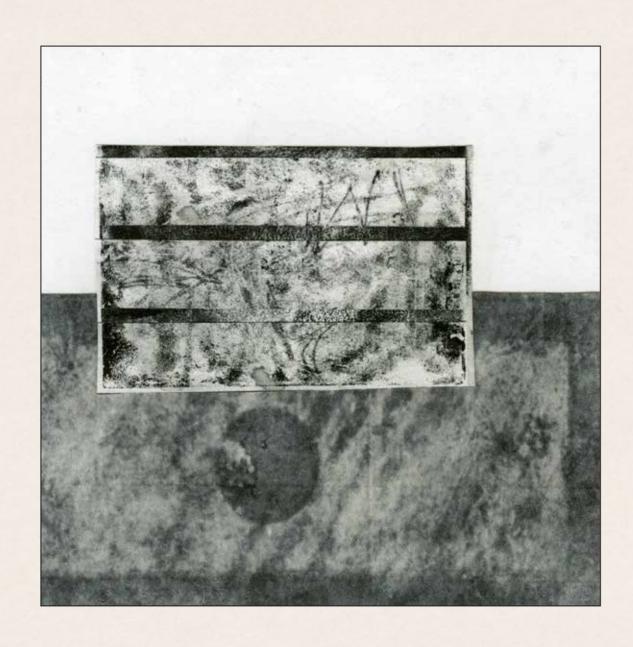
I

The better part of June
The cloudy sky
Behind a palisade
Gutters choking



II

Queer evergreens Smooth and pallid A sticky spire Disconsolate on stormy days



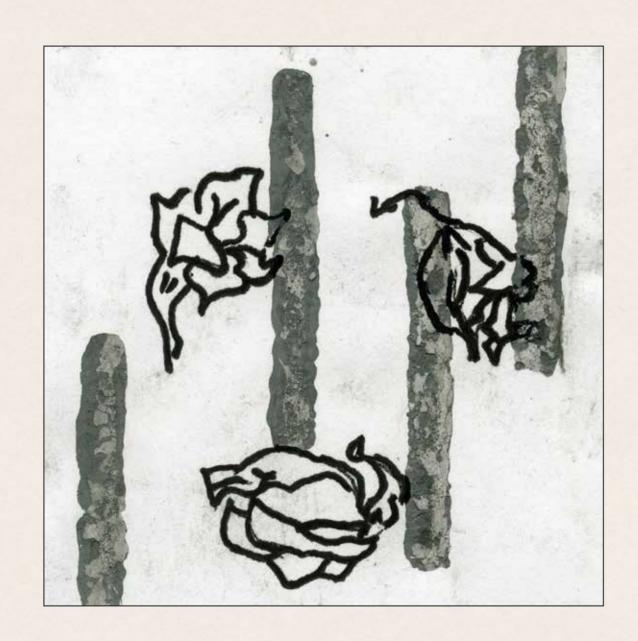
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A three-storeyed plainly built wooden structure A small lake Inner rectitude Virtues of the unexpressed



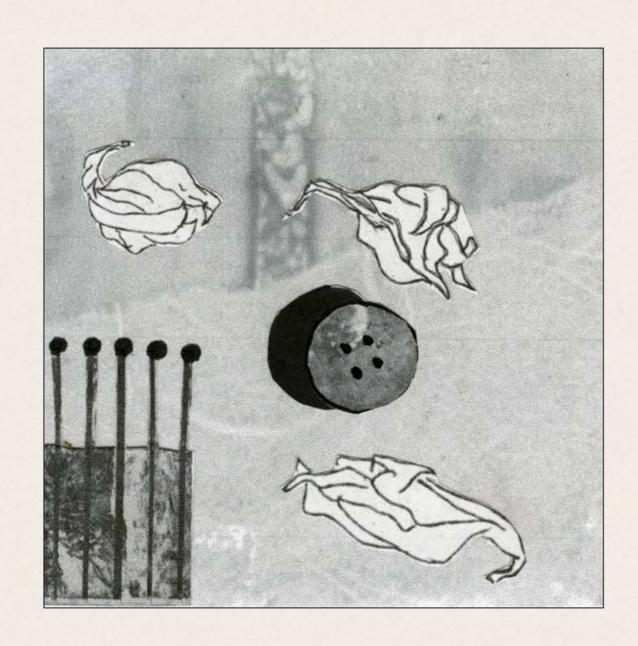
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Little elbow-room
A cupboard and a gas stove
A crumpled tin
Cigarettes



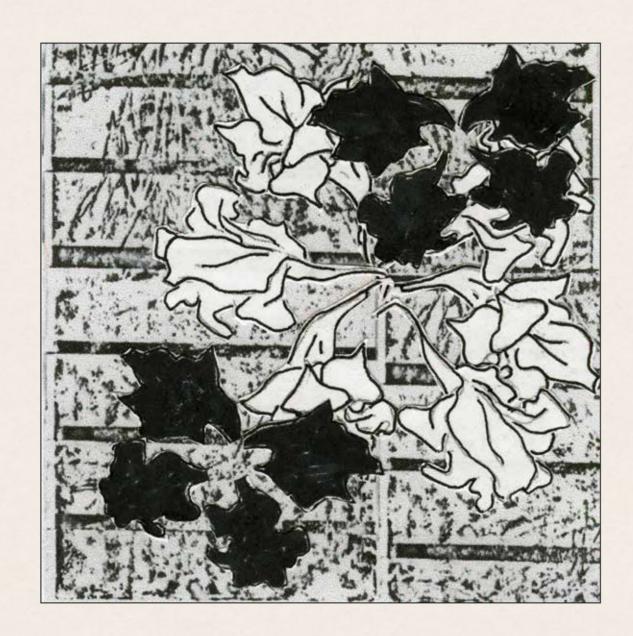
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A forest of stone cylinders
Something still alive
Unwilling to answer the summons
Foxes on pedestals



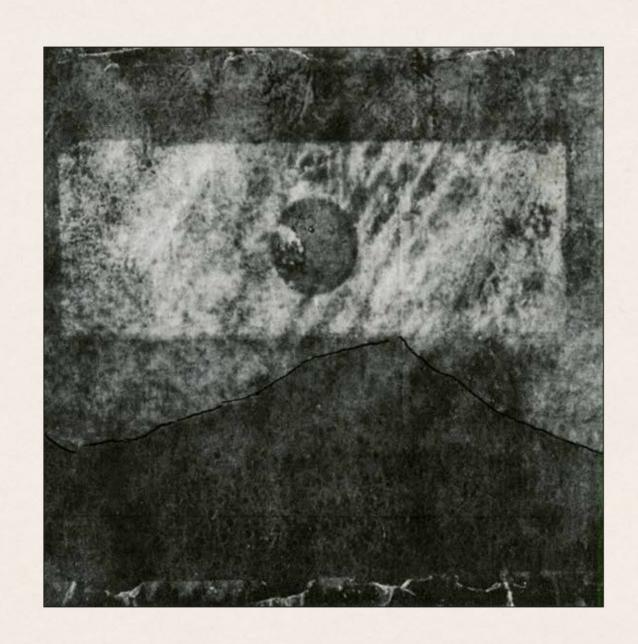
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Sweet-stuff and paper toys
Diameter of a sixpenny piece
A button or a box of matches
Simply indifferent



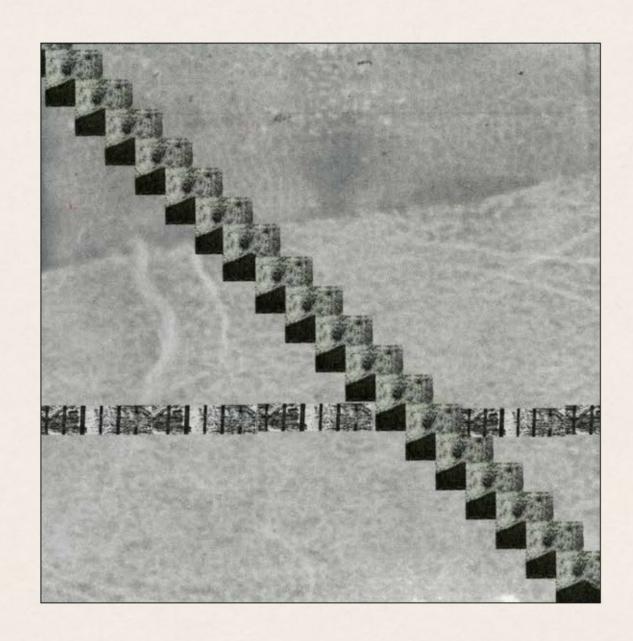
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Red azaleas
Green mats
Black butterflies
Perplexing



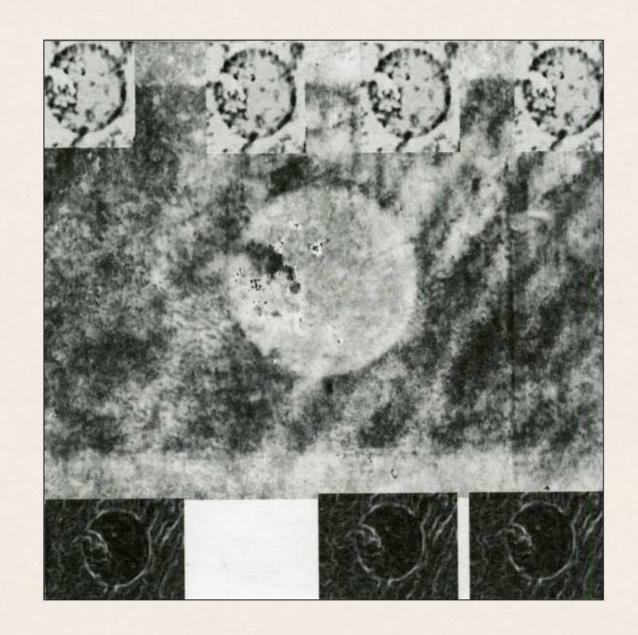
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Not an island and not a tree
Symbolic or fantastic
Fidelity to the observed groupings
Exquisitely stylized



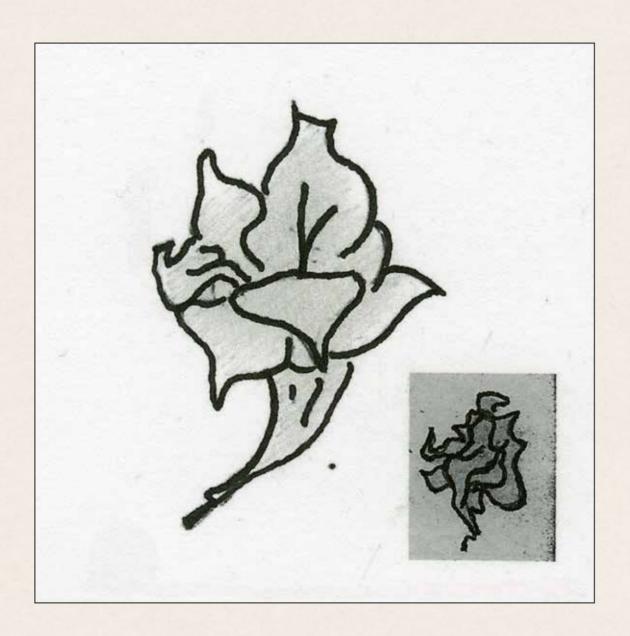
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A thousand islands of distinctive beauty
An electric train
So efficient
So anxious to strike a bargain



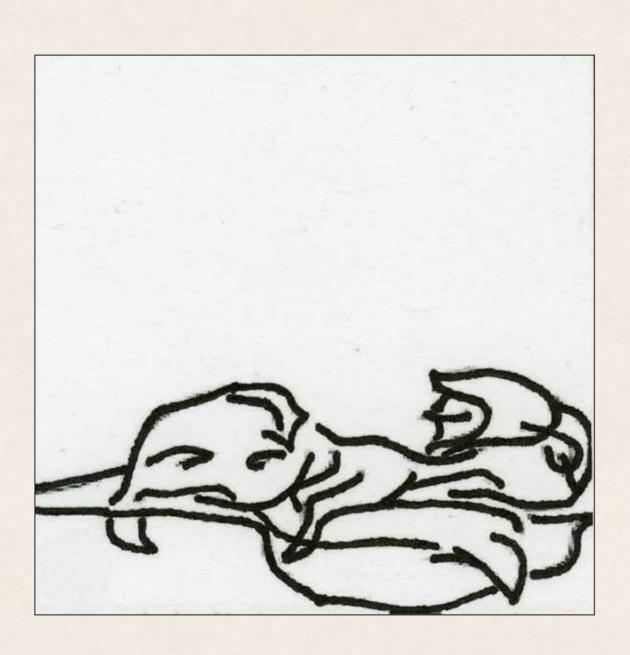
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Prettily set with coloured offerings
Shinto mirrors
Copper or silver coin
Infinitely more vital



XI

Fresh-coloured and sharp-scented
Fiery scarlet red
Less beautiful – though very beautiful
Greenish-dark



XII

Bare elegance Heavy snow Cumbrous silks Always harsh



XIII

A certain degree of austerity
A resilience that never flags
A pleasant but also a respectable institution
An aimless call



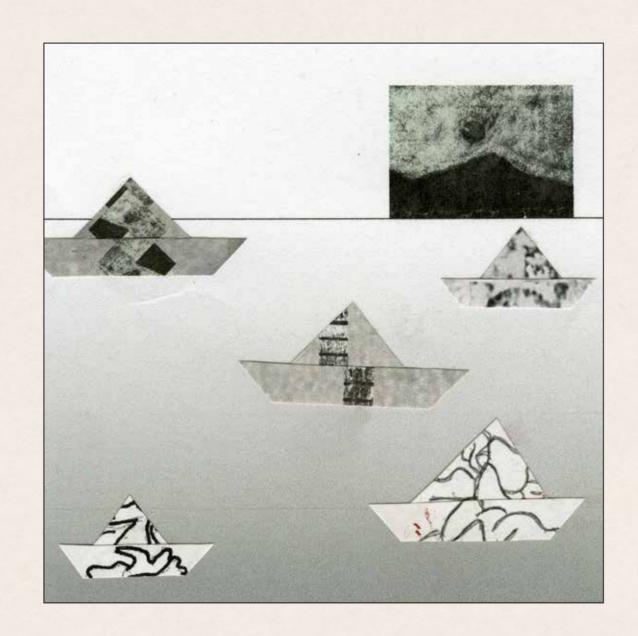
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Shining bronze-pink leaves
Stone foxes
Paper windows
Silence



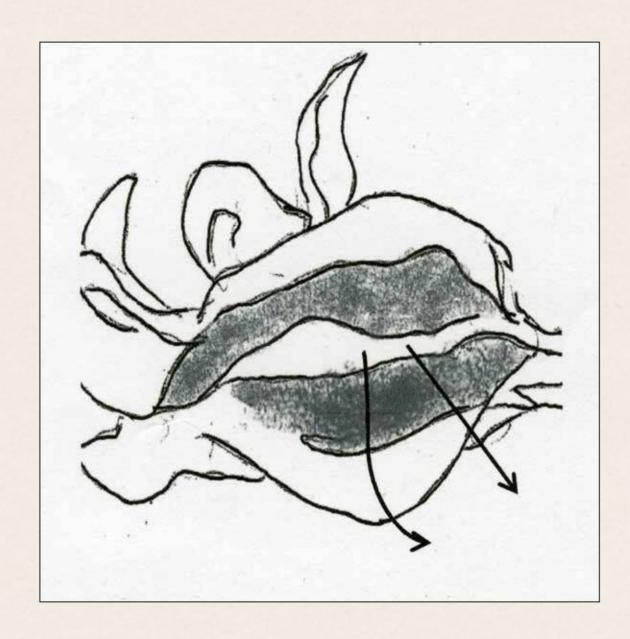
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Intricate as a feverish dream
Sugared American dance tunes
Anchored barges
A cluster of little bells



XVI

A dozen painted skiffs
A tufted island
A memento of the afternoon
Young maples



XVII

The voice of the American star
Queer elysium
The magic of a full-blown talkie
Platonic sensualist



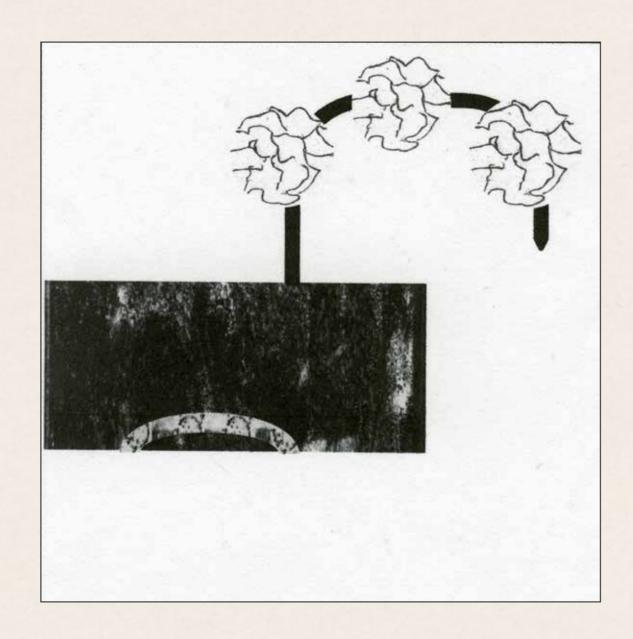
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Tattered swallowtails
Fallen dryad with gauzy wings
Mechanical toys
Cruel paws



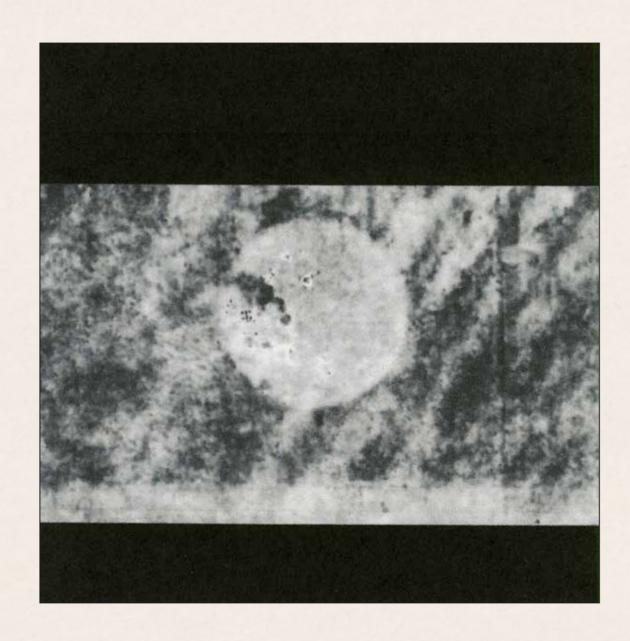
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Thick viridian moss
Solemn stones
Fine breath of mounting steam
A nameless insect



XX

In the 'modern style'
Vitreous green
A bough of blossoming cherry
Gold-stopped teeth



XXI

A secret
Till three o'clock or four o'clock
The passage-room
At midnight the last trams



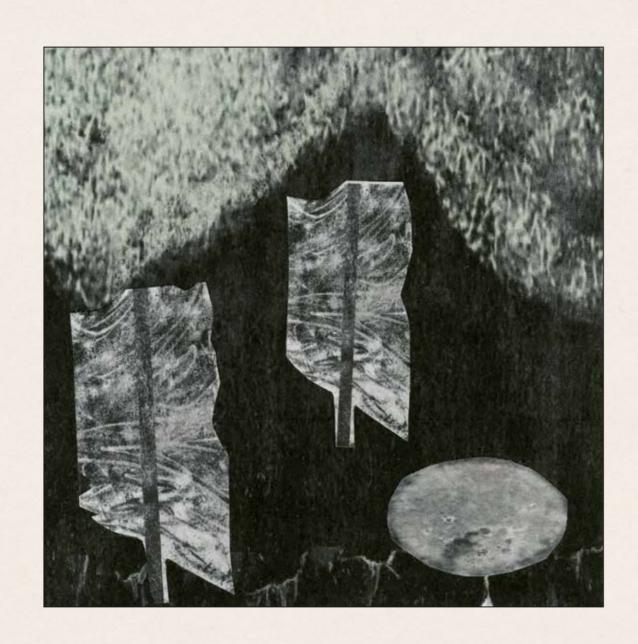
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Seven months
Our formality
A moment's patience
Sometimes cheerful



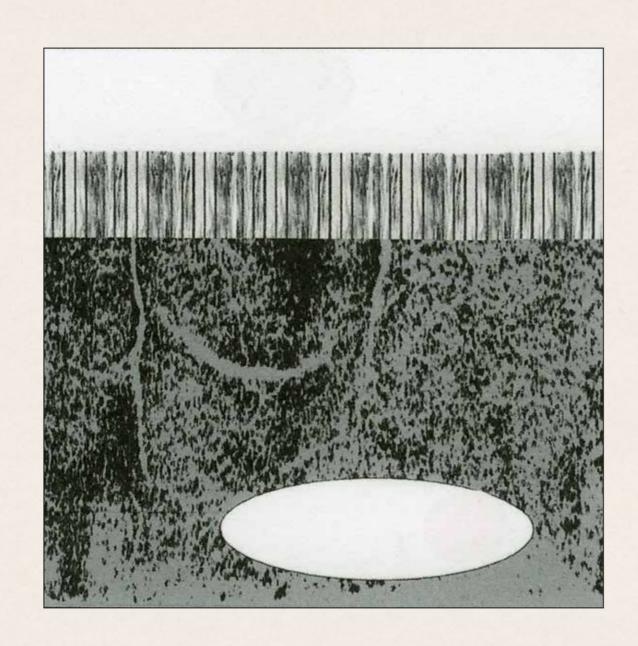
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A double sliding-door A curious mica finish Narrow roof-joists A casket



XXIV

Tumbled skyline
Pine-boughs
Grass-spears
Untroubled water



XXV

The garden beyond the fence A clear but sunless sky A shabby place A pond, usually empty