

Towards Light and More

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The Dream, Balthus, 1955

Towards Light

in a world always half in darkness
your body may be soaked deep
in a nightmare, rotting

but your heart can roam
like a synchronous satellite
in the outer space, leaving
the long night far behind
as long as your heart flies fast
and high enough, you will live
in light forever

Skyline in the North

At the same height of
 Every rocky mountain
 Above all seasonal change
You are widely and cursively cut

As if to bite a whole patch of
Sky from heaven
 With rows of rows of
Whale-like teeth

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