

# A Poem of Miracles

Excerpted Poems

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A miracle  
more ordinary than  
the grass  
under our feet  
the hot sun  
as it dazzles  
eyes & skin

so many memories  
blending into one  
we have no place  
to go but where  
we are no nearer  
to the end  
than to the source

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A miracle  
open on all sides  
toward which  
the mind moves slowly  
& the eye  
as in a dream  
opens & shuts

clouds without rain  
cover the sun  
the animal that sleeps  
over our skylight  
knows neither rest  
nor waking  
only a dream

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Turn of the hand  
by which a perfect  
bird comes into  
view a flight  
over the heads of some  
no mystery  
in what we see

we walk away  
from it no sooner  
gone when something  
ever bright  
a flash of wing  
assails us  
heretofore concealed

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The real comes first  
the fancy a far second  
hard to tell apart  
still harder in the dark  
the eye too weak  
the skin still weaker  
like the mind

the origin of species  
hides its birth  
the contours of the real  
the hand feels  
& the eye imagines  
only later  
in singular pursuit