

she walks in beauty
like the night—
snow on the peaks

fresh calendar—
I will arise and go now
to Nunavut

mulberries—
drink to me only
with thine eyes

social injustice report—
had we but world enough
and time



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Fine Lines

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abandoned quarry—
let me count the ways
we argue

frog legs
on the menu . . .
but I have promises to keep

election night miles to go before I sleep

chimney fire—
I celebrate myself,
and sing myself

the best minds of my generation
destroyed by madness . . .
fresh tattoo

expired passport—
water, water,
everywhere

blood test—
o captain! my captain!
our fearful trip is done

dopplering siren . . .
gather ye rosebuds
while ye may

shall I compare thee
to a summer's day?
street-corner florist

whose woods these are
I think I know . . .
doves at dusk

much have I travelled
in the realms of gold—
fresh corn on the cob