

Hilary Peach / TWO POEMS

THIS IS THE PICTURE WHICH WILL BE REPEATED

i was walking
i was walking today
i was walking today when suddenly
i was reminded of you

This is the picture which will be repeated:
a woman stands at a sink
washing her hands
one then the other

i was walking
i was walking today when suddenly
i saw something
and it reminded me of you

This is the picture which will be repeated:
a woman stands erect at a sink
washing herself one arm
and then the other

i saw something
i saw something today
while i was walking
something which reminded me of you

This is the picture which will be repeated:
a woman stands naked at a basin
scrubbing herself methodically
with a coarse cloth

i was walking today when
suddenly i saw something
i saw something falling
and it reminded me of you

a woman stands naked at a basin
in front of a window
scrubbing herself methodically
with a coarse cloth

i saw a woman today
while i was falling
methodically a woman
and she reminded me of you

This is the picture which will be repeated:
a woman stands in front of a mirror
pouring hot water
into a basin

i saw a woman
and she reminded me of you
falling one way and then the other
over and over

This is the picture which will be repeated:
a woman stands at a sink
washing herself methodically
one hand then the other

over and over
as she has always
been washing herself
she has always been doing that

i saw you today and
it reminded me of you
it reminded me of falling
over and over

one way then the other
as you have always
been falling
you have always been doing that

a woman stands in front of a mirror
by a window naked and erect
as always and washes over and
over one arm and the other

i saw you today
while i was walking
i saw you and suddenly
i was reminded of this woman

she's walking and it's raining
and she starts washing herself
suddenly over and over
one hand and the other

she has always been doing that
rain has always been falling
one way or another
over and over

i saw you today
while i was walking
i saw you today
and suddenly you started raining

suddenly you started raining
you were pouring
like a woman pouring hot water
into a basin

and it reminded me of you
you have always been falling
one way or another
you have always been doing that

i was washing today
when suddenly i saw you
walking into a woman
and it reminded me of something

it reminded me of you
falling into a woman
over and over like a coarse cloth
you have always been falling

This is the picture which will be repeated.

GLOOMPOEM

gloom /gloom /gloom pale~moon /gloom /gloom / roses
are roses /gloom pale~moon /gloom /gloom / penny for your
penny /gloom / penny for your penny pale~moon /gloom / roses are roses
/gloom / roses are roses penny for your penny roses are roses penny for your
penny / pale~moon /gloom /gloom / sweet dreams /gloom / and ^so i /
sweet dreams /gloom / roses are roses /gloom /\ ""i have always loved
you""\ /gloom / pale moon /gloom / and ^so i / penny for your penny
/ sweet dreams/gloom /gloom / roses are roses /\ ""i have always
loved you""\ ^write this letter /gloom / sweet dreams / and ^so i / pale~moon
/gloom / why are you lifting /gloom / {the angels} /\ ""so unusually""\/
roses are roses/\ ""i have always loved you""\ and ^so i / penny for your
penny / why*are* you* lift*ing* /gloom / ^write this letter
/gloom / like* a red* bird* /gloom / roses are roses / pale~moon / a*
red* bird* /\ ""so unusually""\ /gloom / ^write this letter / penny for your
penny / {the angels} / til*ting* its* head* / penny for your penny /gloom
/gloom /\ ""i have always loved you""\ /gloom / (the angel) / roses are
roses / its* eb*ony* head* /gloom /\ ""so unusually""\ / til*ting* its* moc*king*
/ sweet dreams/ and ^so i / penny for your penny / roses are roses / like* a red*
bird* / sweet dreams / {the angels} / eb*ony* head*

Gloom settles deep
on a pale moon.

Roses are roses,
a penny
for your penny sweet dreams.

And so
i write this letter:

Why are you lifting
like a red bird
tilting its mocking
 ebony head?

I have always loved you so unusually
but i am reconciled.

The angel said it.