Sisters, and other poems

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Sisters

lay your back on mine don't leave; we will time together and

drop as rains to the green teen garden—it

is not tomorrow nor sealed lips it is seeing

the light in coffee is for closing

of cup and mid-sore as one

Obscura

from the pink you take tomorrow with just a tongue

total as playing your balls, your answer

comes slow in your dress blow to bone

you are the child whose candy is unlit

or, are you on

the way smoke or going back to lilies? with

Sometimes

onto a river she opens her body

free

others

soft as snake afire

striping
—bring in tongues, bring out

the front

of flesh hidden

-i could see my house from the mirror

from sloe lines, burning

behind

it is today's

to

drink the cup or—forget

what is written

in webs

in light

Leaving

I've stopped planting flowers in my hair

now I pour raw eggs & before

a mirror my eye is closed

in prayers breakable like hairy

shadows across wars