

## Cedar Sigo / PRINCE VALIANT

Your first presence  
is that of a con man  
down on his luck,  
you cross on the ferry  
and return as it gets dark,  
heating a pair  
of candlesticks  
to warm the studio  
I was to live  
quite comfortably,  
at the end  
of each needle  
to receive my ghost.  
I took out  
a writing room also  
among derelicts  
who would pay  
unwittingly  
the highest prices  
besides the apartments  
for their dry-cleaning  
and drinks,  
Top Of The Mark.  
Soiled by each groom  
till I reach the morgue,  
one we can lean on  
in our ascension

to heaven  
to China Fields  
and the cufflinks  
you had better  
recognize.  
It was more  
of an open  
invitation  
and should he care  
to appear  
good thing  
it was recorded,  
his walking seaside,  
his being punished  
for talking indian.  
A bronze bust  
soon to be unveiled  
in Pioneer Square,  
the greatest  
of all features  
in its design...mercy,  
the brass ring and  
clear purple tomb  
in a door knob.