

Penny Chalmers / POEM

“sitting on jewels spread wide i hear”

her voice

that hum like a thousand

mosquitoes

at back of fire

1000 mosquitoes

on the verge of

silence

hum

sa

hum

sa

hmmmmnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn

sa

did breath begin

predilection for the letter s

her song starts with s

continues in s

sacred snake along susumna
her hiss as she ascends

“in the centre of my house behind the fire, i hear”

spine

spin pin in i
spine pine pin in i

hiss as she ascends

spine spin spine spine

that hum like a thousand

hum sa hum sa

silence

sound