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## Dreaming of Heaven

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1     You say  
      I  
      of sound  
      or write of light.  
5     Moonbeams,  
      symphonies  
      are off-limits to me.  
  
      Defectives, you insist,  
  
10    or escape  
  
      What right  
      do I have to even talk  
15    of color? you demand.  
  
      No more right  
      than you  
      to tell of Paris,  
      unless, like me,  
20    the mingled scent  
      of cigarettes and hyacinth  
      drifting along the Seine.

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25 Can you know  
the Pyramids,  
  
the rough-hewn,  
ancient stone,  
the scratchy lick  
30                   ongue,  
the sandy silence  
of the desert,  
as I did one summer night?  
  
35 Do you dare  
to dream of heaven

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