

Persephone

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In the awkward, jutting silence of the carriage,
your elbow presses on mine,
succumbing to the sashays of the tube train
and you think me cold and bony.
A white little figure,
caught in the reflection of the glass
that shows us side by side.
You
with your kindle in the crock of your arm:
a phantom baby,
the electronic bestseller,
your allotted 3 pages.
We make this journey every day.
You, to feel that your eyes still well
as we rattle over that length of track:
the unmarked grave
and me, to feel the radiation burn
from your sorrow.
A sweet acid after a thousand barren years.
Maybe one day, I will turn to you and apologise.
I could not stop my husband
from taking yours.