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FROM TRANSLATION OF THE LILIES BACK INTO LISTS

For C. D. Wright

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1. Now that I am home who will extinguish marrow?
2. One rhythm was broken, another stranded.
3. A third waited, a chain around my neck.
4. Becoming someone older than fiction.
5. Nice trick, or mess, or wreck.
6. I asked myself to meet me.
7. But I was very aloof.
8. Or not at home to the idea of knowing how.
9. Little suffragettes were washing windows.
10. But the other side of the glass looked out onto nothing.
11. A problem of framing.
12. Sorry to waste good soap and rags.
13. Even sadder when human efforts fail.
14. How to ignore druthers while also throwing away spare idiocy.
15. How to walk toward new foundations.
16. Hillsides made of light.
17. Skin erupted in crimson sanctions.
18. Addiction to repetitions.
19. It's nice to be in bed with an open book.
20. Or to be an open book.
21. Transposed into a window.
22. The book illuminates the room.
23. I read you between coverings.
24. You only exaggerate when you close your eyes.