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## SODOM AND GOMORRAH FELL

Sodom and Gomorrah fell  
 but their inhabitants had  
 fled, and lived on air  
 which did not stir,  
 where the torches did not flicker  
 above the faces of the dead.

There in the element of their  
 beleaguered city, unpacking the one  
 belonging they had brought,  
 the world was still a heart of flame,  
 a love which could not speak its name.

Then Troy burned too, and Rome.

BOBB DAVIS

## TROPICAL PLANT

If not from root, why then from leaf,  
 if I am fruitless, stems will spread me;  
 cut me, my sap runs, but I live,  
 and if you tread me

headfirst into hot sand, the grains  
 are seed bed to me, sweet for feeding,  
 stunted and wedged I green again  
 unbled through bleeding.

My brood and I in time will own  
 the acre where you built and quarried,  
 tenderly shroud you lying prone,  
 then use you, buried.

INGEBORG KAYKO