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### Abstract

Asked his name, he said, "Stra, short for Stranger." Sang it. Semisaid, semisung. "Stronjer?" I asked, semisang, half in jest. "Stronger,"





Whatsaid sip they lit Eleusis  
with it seemed. Barley mold  
made them wince... Heartrending  
sky, held breath held high

as a cloud,  
Hoof-to-the-Head knocked hard,  
no bolt from on high but their  
lips' convergence came close,

Maria  
ruing the movement of ships...

The sunken ship they at times  
took it they were on no sooner  
sank

than sailed again. Failed or  
soon-to-fail form, sisyphian  
rock,  
rough, andoumboulouous roll.

Serpent

wave, serpent wing, hoisted rag  
snapped at by wind. Flag she  
saw he lay bound up in, insisting  
they'd meet again. Lag anthem  
suffused every corner, music

more  
the he she saw, we the escaping  
they, calling out names no where

we'd  
arrive would answer to, nowhere the  
louder  
we'd shout

