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## Rungs

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## TWO

### DOUBLEBENT SNAKES

Greg McClure

two doublebent snakes  
slither out from their father's nest  
hand raised as if to say  
yield before i force you  
oh God hold back the skies  
chaos rains from the clouds in metal casings  
cursing my house with disorder  
and i toiled so long in that garden  
my son wakes two minutes before dawn  
by sun up his room is barren  
drowned by the horizon  
he leaves somberly  
ill news in official envelopes  
and my roses are uprooted  
my house transforms instantly  
and portrays all else  
five years i cry fruitlessly  
these envelopes come too frequently  
because there never is any  
they bear no good news

*Poland, 1939*