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“PRECIPICE”

by Etienne Horvilleur

I have
forgotten how to write,
to make a metaphor
of your body
And noun and verb
tattooed on my knuckles,
can no longer recreate
the simile that is your silence
and I am forced to write you
and crumple you up
and re-write you every night,
and every night the same verse
with a different sound
a sound that has forgotten
how to live you
without paper
without the doubt of my ink
leaping and bounding across
your lonely white desert;
Absence is the utmost poetry