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## certain kinds of loud thuds

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certain kinds of loud thuds  
scatter my senses into space,  
like the ones of a  
body being battered.

when i hear voices rising  
his wet with vodka  
hers wet with fear  
i know what kinds of thuds  
will shatter the tension  
into bloody bits of silence.

some thuds are propelled  
down stairs and crumple  
on the landing

others catch flying  
catsup bottles with their  
browbones

thuds tend to come out at night,  
like other defiant household creatures  
but i have heard them in the early mornings  
and quaked as they were wrenched  
from their mid-afternoon sockets.

and certain kinds of loud thuds  
still scatter my senses...

*Lillian Waller*