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## Homolka: Certainty

### CERTAINTY

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The first kiss goes down like a glass  
of flat champagne on a holiday no one  
has ever heard of. The later ones  
are like a generation of wolves born  
fully grown. Dramatis personae. I search  
the list, the first act and the last,  
the footnotes, the index, the copyright page.  
You are not there. And what am I  
reading? This is the wrong book  
and the play was written centuries ago.  
One thing I know for certain  
is your name, and even more certainly,  
the way you do things, the way  
you are not at home with the quiet  
side of yourself, the way you drink  
vodka and pretend to celebrate.  
Once you were this way, now you are  
that way. A new hairstyle and the rock  
is replaced over the cave mouth  
for good. No one can remember  
whether there was a body there or not.