

Harpur Palate: a Literary Journal

Volume 11 | Issue 1

Article 61

June 2011

The Big Picture

Doug Ramspeck

Follow this and additional works at: <https://orb.binghamton.edu/harpurpalate>

Recommended Citation

Ramspeck, Doug (2011) "The Big Picture," *Harpur Palate: a Literary Journal*. Vol. 11: Iss. 1, Article 61.
Available at: <https://orb.binghamton.edu/harpurpalate/vol11/iss1/61>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by The Open Repository @ Binghamton (The ORB). It has been accepted for inclusion in Harpur Palate: a Literary Journal by an authorized editor of The Open Repository @ Binghamton (The ORB). For more information, please contact ORB@binghamton.edu.

Ramspeck: The Big Picture

THE BIG PICTURE

**DOUG
RAMSPECK**

There is a place, I've seen it, where the night
has a full mouth of stars that bivouac above us.

It is the prophetic hour. We walk beneath a raw
skin of sky. Surely this is love like cool water

slurped from your palms. In this dream I have taken
a knife to the underbelly of the rising moon,

have read into its entrails a prophecy.
Everyone thinks the sky is lonely.

The stars are strings of eggs, unborn. A trail
of near existence. The black muck that clings

to the heavens. What lasts except this?
An unrequited longing, raw in the open chest.

A ladder propped after dark against the great tree,
someone having climbed out of sight.