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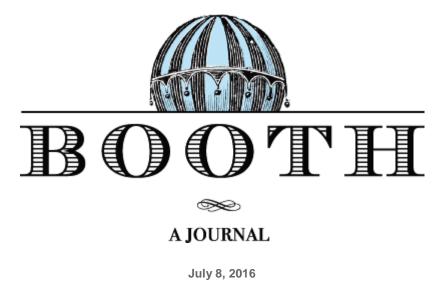
Orbit

Abstract

I'm a coward / could not say what scares / me most I want to live...

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Orbit

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—after Yayoi Kusama

I'm a coward / could not say what scares / me most I want to live in the moon hide / in her coarse craters (close / the eyes) we would punch the air from inside her / dirty sedan our mouths round / and wet our shoes / pointed glistening with field / dew from a swath / we'd just disturbed if I asked / for a spaceship my mother / would point to her / belly as if to say my oh my / you've already forgotten the man had never squashed / fruit for plum wine/ his hands stained pink for what / seemed like forever after / I stuffed the white fabric I remembered / the beauty that launched one thousand harbors into solitude / but what of a woman who can tear only one dinghy away from a boat / house in summer the lake thick / with yellow tail the moon / clipped to a crescent no I thrive / in small spaces the backseats / of black cars hurtling down 95 the moon pressing her face / against the glass the moon turning the dials slowly.

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