

He succumbs

He succumbs:

to magnetic entanglement
with doctrine and will

She embraces:

the unconscious anchor
of an enigmatic fidelity

Both profit:

by reciprocal thrift
integral to the flesh –
even, neon-red saturated flesh

They desire:

an impenetrable economy
membranes – glass, or skin
provisionally affirm
separation

All needs:

embodied in the flesh
twist through the helix
of the ancient bed
enslaved to spiral the edges of things

We wonder:

who is the prey?
what price paid?
or, debt contracted?
if, indeed, these were acknowledged at all

None escape:

this desperate negotiation
once begat –
the chosen flesh