

Retinal Echo

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*for Marlo Broekmans*

The back  
softly

symmetrical

hints  
the  
breath-  
fine dust-  
floor

in complete  
shining  
triangles.

Light  
flowers  
fold

the profile-  
arc  
thick  
waters

bends  
beneath the bowl.

The lean  
mouth  
, androgyne  
open  
on reflection;  
thinking  
  
arches'  
  
curved thighs  
puzzle  
in shadow.

The  
foot  
cracks  
at  
touch's  
small  
secret:  
the  
rich black  
blur.

A beam's  
dark  
punctuation  
lies  
angled

each  
breast-,  
swell  
line

the  
edge reflects.



Rib

fades

the

dark

image-thin

abdomen's

frame-

joined,

bell-

splashed

wrist,

suspended.

Flesh sets  
rough  
meshes

,

bulbs  
arc  
overhead:  
fingers  
the neck  
orients.

Edge-  
caught

forms  
the flat  
body twists

face  
a vacant  
page.

The page  
tight,  
          ending  
          hidden  
form  
  the bright  
    lobe,  
      dark,  
with light  
,           together  
          splitting  
          intent.

Beneath  
its lack  
, the  
upper  
trace  
whisks ,  
breaks;  
its split  
blushes  
, gleaming,  
penetrates  
a sinew  
, a snake.

Frame-  
spent  
  wood-  
    s rib  
      right

  the head-  
  lines'  
    flit-  
  curve's rhym-  
ing      shine.

Round  
black strides  
the abdomen,  
its arms  
end  
opposite  
its crease:  
the column's  
dark  
mirror-  
seam.

Its  
thin line  
tip  
round  
, form-  
s throat  
the  
jaw-  
lobe.  
face'  
s bright  
down  
strips.



Blurs bl-  
end smooth

shards

to  
thin  
curve- s ,  
one body  
, ambiguous  
, spreads  
like eyes.

, Curve a reed  
its trajectory

mirrors a  
column

to shade  
the thigh  
, its twin  
different.