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Arch

Rainbow Fountain

Bear the weight of Caesar and his triumphs  
the weight of vision over the depths of error

Eyebrow seedling her feet  
unmined remainder of a lode  
vault

-bishop -angel -tempter -fiend  
Arch water without spilling  
Arch the infinite over an apple  
Overreach

Bliss

At mass at meat  
in a lusty husband's arms  
of a child in her grace  
Bliss on bliss

Felicity ignorance  
what the Pope has not got

A bliss of birds  
a bliss of yes

*Bliss* obsolete of *bliss*

## Die

In harness in bed with your shoes on  
at the stake in your mother's lap

A calf by witchcraft  
A new child by fondling

Lakes die and barbarian nations  
intricate vices lard lamps red trout  
A good death an utter death die out