

WHAT IF

What if you saw your mother, and your father,
And they were spelling a word?

Together, each in a light

Like a pearl over water?

What if animals attended them, what if

Skulls hung from the trees?

The skulls, spelling a word.

The animals, having sex,

The light wavering: dim, bright.

Your mother, your father, bright with feathers,

High

High over the water.

Now they are speechless, now they shine brightly,

Now they are spelling a word together,

Flying, diving,

To make it come forth.