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## **Pretending in the Shower to be Blind**

I rinse and rinse  
in this voluntary dark  
wishing I cared enough  
for those beggars at the gates  
in another Alexandria  
gate of the sun  
gate of the moon  
to give them  
what is dear to me:  
the Chinese gilt figurine  
the olivewood Madonna  
Kuan Yin in alabaster  
shoulders and neck  
perfectly bent  
back to the world  
all these little things