

## Angry Valley

Rhythmic pulsing  
of rain's small points  
hit lightly  
under the pressure  
of deceitful sky

A flash flooding memory  
emulsifies thought  
where gutters  
swirl past-lives  
into mud

and the body  
is mostly water pouring  
deep into angry valley  
where the writhing river  
churns an altered landscape.



## Clockwork

Impassive, overcome by heat,  
the train disgorges them  
at the station.

Each morning  
the press of people  
with look-alike hair

and look-alike faces  
(makeup and aftershave  
recommended  
by the papers  
or nightly on the box)

– and which are administered  
by smiling assistants  
from racks of stores  
on unending chain.

Old, young –  
plainly tired – tread  
with the bound wisdom  
of sleepwalkers.

A few pause  
to consume  
an oily breakfast  
of egg and bacon  
and have no time  
to consider  
how the egg  
was extracted  
from a frantic hen

in a battery prison  
of blinking light  
and white fluorescence –

