



College Historical Society

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Opportunity Cost

I transpose the hours of my workday
Into something worth selling my time for
Like all the ingredients to all the dinners I could cook you.
Like all the sweet August oranges in the world.
They have now begun printing my payslips on orange peel.
I want to buy now, pay never.
I want two in the bush. I want to
Dissolve utopia in water so its forever
Chemicals leach into my bones.
I want to own a bath and feel
A normal amount of shame.
But there are dead dogs to walk
And prams full of bricks to push.
There are fifty good euros for us
To pass back and forth ad infinitum.
Surely if I blow hard enough on your closed fist
We'll be able to buy whatever we want forever.
Surely the house can't always win.
But for now what you need to understand is that
I do not have the luxury of believing you.

I have only the luxury of forgiveness
And I am living beyond my means.