We Have Known

Who,
we! have! known!
seen it hanging
having spent certain numerous days
in alleys, in market places
in public squares,
no

We have put upon ourselves
the weights
not truly ours?
because?
buying apples
the colors shimmering
for they move
as in a Cezanne

Bringing the thought
of women,
naked, mature
the tangle of the world
as surely here
as the chamber where
the spy is beaten,
chained
as surely as where

When he is burned, burned

-- Judson Crews
Taos, New Mexico