

&
nights are a different dark
in their own blacksilent
personal way

there's
another
mountain
to be climbed

its nipple stabs
the
taut blueskin
of sky

Any Noise In The Bushes

a 4:00-in-the-morning
drunkenness
from a nosleep night

awakens in me
an
hour-of-loving

which
should be
hurled to its creative
limit

rightnow
but can't

all the trees are asleep
&
any noise in the bushes
might

wake
the
birds ...

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