

NEAR TROUBLESOME CREEK SOUTHEASTERN KENTUCKY

The blue people
something missing
in their blood like
a layer of fat be
tween what is in
side and outside
Blue skin blue
fingers wrists
their cheeks pale
blue of an oxford
shirt The first
blue person came
from France married
a woman near Trouble
some Creek with
the exact same traits
their children
married each other
Blue cousins and
uncles in old
family bibles
records of who was
born who died
and if they were
blue A cheap
pill changes the
blue to pink turns
urine blue One old
man said he could
see the blue
running right
out of him

OF COURSE MADONNA

goes along with
keeps her mouth
shut nods grins
serves coffee
serves your
needs says of
course but
wants to get
off course

MADONNA WHO WRITES
TEN POEMS A DAY

as if the poems were
vitamins she spits
out instead of
swallowing one poem
gets the blue out
of her calms like
vitamin B another
heals makes for
good sex supposedly
Others make bones
and muscles
stronger cure
night blindness
protect grow hair

DEPRESSION

like a small animal
you can't pick up
when it's light
tunneling close to
your side making a
nest in the quilts
and pillows so
you wake up with
warm fur blurring
the light afraid
to move If it
sleeps you could
use it as a pillow
On the loose it
claws the night
is starved demands
to be fed eats you