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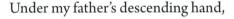
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The tiger swallowtail must think I am over.

I have strayed into the apse Of a bloodthirsty cathedral

This is the toothy tiger mouth From which I will never come out.

A single note peals From the velvet proboscis,

Unrolling a minute rebel yell

Small enough to tiptoe Into a useless left ear

Threading on tiptoe through plum jungle ruins

And fluttering down the incalculable dark Of the Ho Chi Minh trail.

