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THE 20TH-CENTURY

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Stella's garters
are not for sale.
this is not the only way,
this is, furthermore, not the way that the Elizabethans wanted it.

all the seaside wars break like boiling bubbles
in the mind of an egg, waiting beside the stove –
rising like the Futurist god of scabs,
not long for this capped, contained world.

and we are not supposed to do anything too beautiful.
and I have not been waiting
for Nike to come down, unwrinkling her electric spine –
Paris was saved
by soldiers in taxi-cabs.