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No comfort  
say the pigeons in the nightswell

The missing  
head for the Brooklyn Bridge  
No crashing valentines –

Give the ladies carnations and let them  
run the bases  
Crashing of church bells, the train  
whistle skipping its stop



We take for this painfully  
a pill  
Dear, whatever happens  
I can wake up from

The day  
As ferment stains the sky  
suddenly darkening afternoon

No crashing pigeons

The small birds cry out to be eaten by the fox and marmot

No thistle of blush

Rabid to dress down

in fitful British summer.

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