

sweet memory

I remember them so well, gathered
around the fireplace, all
when fall
fell
and the autumn leaves
were only a matter of time

I still see grandpa
as he cowers in the corner
giggling and cutting to pieces
the rent check

I can see pa, ma, and sis
hungerless
answerless poisonless
thoughtless questionless saltless until ten in the evening
even later sometimes

thursday it was a thursday
when I finally got rid of
that cozy inland life

thanks to them all