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All I came to say
is everything.
Linger with me while I lie.

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Is it allergy?

Already some trees

are turning

and I haven't

got to sunrise yet.

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of course if we don't do it now
we'll never do it

the Thames will never get to the sea

words wont mean anything any more
than I do

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Small mistakes

don't add up,

don't amount.

This is not arithmetic,

this is that other thing

around the corner where

snug in her dark clothes

the Last Number waits.

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WHAT I REMEMBER FROM THIS OLYMPIAD

Spiritual mistakes
fatal as a girl
has short breath
and leaps far –

the sky is too close
today, Dragila,
it falls you back
one of us again

an us you were always leaving.

26 August 2004

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Venus is blue and green
both of them not one

the light blue of the sky
that is the blue of copperas

and the green of matter
groaning in the weight of time

old Verdigris my mother
who laughed the roofs of Brooklyn

and the great horses on the Arch
until a felon government vinyled them dark

...27 August 2004

