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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.

## 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