

my lips after 2 hours of kissing at the movie theater / heavy hemoglobin liquid trickling from a sliced vein / a stop sign / when the sun bows to the Earth's atmospheric molecules / a flower blooming in love / where the visible spectrum of light heaves a sigh & says no more / the tip of Cupid's arrow / a string of brake lights adorning the 110 freeway in downtown Los Angeles at 5 pm (pre-pandemic) / a bull's eye / what a bull chases / when Mars glows in the sky / a lobster blushing / an inflamed sore / my scraped knee / a wheelbarrow / my mother's wedding dress / the end of her cigarette burning into her husband's arm / wrong answers on my 4th grade US History test / my mother's tongue lashings / her anger muted by an alcohol bottle / my own anger / the pulsing beast inside my chest / my monthly letting go / the wire you don't want to cut / or the wire you do / the realization it's not black & white / not good or bad / but sometimes is / the rainbow's outer stripe