

**if I believe in other worlds    the dead**

are not in this    earthly, this empty  
tied to this earth    this canopy    this  
push-pin earth    other-worldly    the pain

I thought    entering this    that I might  
evaporate    like The Loved evaporates  
and leaves this earth in palliation

Death's voice    when Death came  
was a filibuster of the fomenting screech  
locking the courts of my earth

if I believe in other worlds  
then I have want for trespass    other worlds  
not my earth now    but the Loved's