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Sinabing ang aking ipininta,
 may tumatawad na milyonaryo,
 may-ari ng isang pribadong museo,
 kahit daw magkano ay kanyang gusto.
 "Nakaganti rin ako," sa loob-loob ko.

WENZL PETRAK BAUTISTA

Memorabilia

between glass and wood
 father's cut-out hearts
 blush
 their crude configurations
 intimately
 marking off
 his fingerprints and
 paternal glue
 before
 dissembling into tiny
 red acts of
 contrition:

 heavy
 with sentiment
 his balance of
 power
 loses its scales

Hole

the world has had it
 everyday shuddering

 the death of a visionary
 eclipsing the sun

we are never born with it
but the years will
like a cold shoulder
break the fragile senses

till you try
plugging it
with flesh, with words

or another hole

VIRGILIO V. VITUG

Hagupit ng Lamig

Malamig.
At kahit sa mata lamang
Ay nais kong ihayag
Ang hagupit ng lamig
Ng taglagas sa Paris.

Kanina lamang
Maging kahapon
At ng nagdaang araw,
Pinaagos ko ang init
Sa buka ng bibig
Ngunit lalo lamang nangingig
Sa maktol at daskol
Na sa akin ay ipinukol.
Isang aliw marahil
Na subukang damhin
Kung ang monumento dito
Ay tulad din ng tao.

Malamig.
Ngunit hindi ako
Magtatalukbong.