Fidelity (II)

In some versions his pericardium
was pierced, the body bleeding water;
some say only the usual red.
In one story a full moon;
in another, hours of eclipse.
Where gospels agree
                is at the door
of the cave, when a boulder rolls back
and some woman, one Mary or another,
names that first essential absence.

It is April, and he raises his fears
every three days. He brings home
a bouquet of muscular lilies. He waits
for the miracle.
                She calls her name
into a cave, and the cave answers with
her name.