

## THE DESCENT OF ANGEL

In the beginning out of the blue in a sleepy pirouette  
then faster each go-round shorter than the last and  
sweeter a grand glissade a cosmic roller-coaster  
down the terraces of hell a mountain inside-  
out and upside-down into the Sibyl's ear  
her navel her nostril screwing dizzily  
into her unctuous socket according  
to the devious law of peristalsis  
as the beady dowagers applaud  
from their galleries then  
counter-clockwise in a  
descending spiral the  
spirit goes out of  
him like water  
down the  
drain.