

Nature's Way

Pick a light, any light will do—
as long as it's a stoplight, turned red.
Reed, willow, wasp, water.
Wait. Nature is patient.

When the light changes to green—
say, green as a garden—don't move.
Be still. Count slowly, very, very slowly
to 25. *Shhh*. Be silent. Nature is patient.

To a point. Pick a point, a poinciana.
Take time to smell the roses.
Pick a point, say: 5. Say: forsythia,
flowstone, foxfire, flyway.

Your fellow man, woman & child
are lined up behind you. Nature
is all around you. Now: watch nature
explode in all her glory: fingers, *Fuck*

you!, flint, firestorm. Naturally—
we're only *human* & sweet as honeybees,
diamondbacks, leopards, lions. Count: 2//
Mississippi, 3//Mississippi, 4//Mississippi,
5...