

The Scholar · *Stuart Dischell*

Boston is an old city  
with many students.  
Each carries a book.  
Their lights burn all hours  
and some never sleep, but drift  
awhile over coffee, imagining  
their futures in court or at the ledger.  
When these students undress,  
their shoulders are round from reading.  
Once I went to bed with a woman like this.  
She told me I reminded her  
Of someone in a book.