My Suicide Returns to Me Each Year · Patrick Lawler

My suicide returns to me each year Bearing less and less resemblance. He is fat with rumors. My suicide Is laughable and fat, mumbles Latin into a cramped hole. Over anything that doesn't move He pauses, moves and then reflects, thin as doubt. "Fool," I say. My suicide returns. He doesn't know me. He says he has learned The ingredients. "Idiot," I say. Fat with what he does not eat, He moves beneath his movements, gestures From within. I identify myself By falling through the slot. Without my thinking it is winter, it is winter. All by itself it will be spring.

