

PAINTED LADIES

Blood-orange-tracked against the netting
where the cut carnations act
in funnel groups the sliced-
open clementine
stiffening along the spokes
and special bramble in
the sun's phase when it comes
they block their wings
clinging and hingeing
that what has stepped inside itself off
from itself
splints out of
barely
pinned again
in the sense of
beheld—trashed
sumps of paper-
towel blossom sweetened often.