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## Beautiful Lesson of the I

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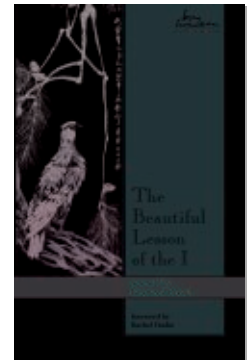
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## BLISTERS

The blisters are cloth bells in air,  
small, aggrieved flowers  
filled with sugar of fingertips,  
they open in their time.

Bedraggled scarabs,  
blood symbols of the days  
are stamped to their underbellies  
like fat colophons.

They are the lilies  
and flies that settle on marble,  
sticking to gauze like honey,  
churning unmerited purity.