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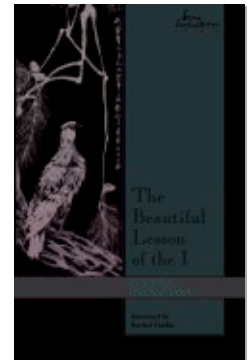
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BLISTERS

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.