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## **MORE OF THE SAME**

But even with my mouth on your thigh  
I want my mouth on your thigh.  
At the center bite of bread I want the whole loaf  
toasted, and an orange. On a sunny day  
I want more sun, more skin for the weather.  
I'm in Seattle wishing for Seattle,  
for this walk along the water, for her hand while I hold it:  
I want to tie my wrist to a red balloon.  
I'm counting my tips.  
I'm counting the tips I could have made.  
I want the television on, the television off.  
In the ocean, I want to float an inch above it  
and when my father finally held me  
like a stripe of seaweed over his wet arm,  
I was kicking to get away, wishing he'd hold me  
like he held me while I was kicking away. Listen to me.  
I want to leave when I'm walking out the door.