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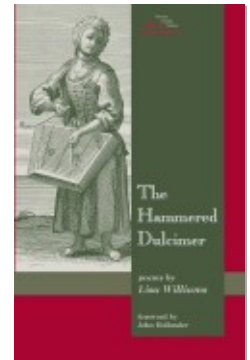
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BLACK HORSES

Black horses on a yellow hill
against a clouded sky.
How can desire go unfulfilled
or run from you and I—
Not run, but simply wander past
as if it had the wish
to find a greener circumstance
beyond our small request.
Black horses on a yellow hill
so stalwart, so serene.
What the heart may want today
does not a lifetime mean.
Longing, like those bodies dark
and curved with skin and bone,
may find a hill, may find a dale,
but not a solid home.
Black horses on a yellow hill
against a clouded sky.
Not any creature, good or ill,
can calculate the eye.