

Heredity

I was a muir / a moor / a plain /
or mere / a lake / a sea / at sea
before I was moored. I was a blacklock
a blacksheep / a curl of your hair / a plait
beneath glass with a catch / a memento mori /
a link in a chain of names hung up
through time like a relay of light told
without telling / a spell / a prayer. I swam
like a dream within her in all her skins /
mothers / daughters / aunts / sisters.
Slender and fair as a lance / barely there.
Mary / mare / muir / mar
star of the ocean / drop in the sea.
All light or water. I'm all of you, none of you.
Named and no-one. All of you / none of me.