

Foxgloves

Digitalis means finger-like,
an indication of the flower's shape.



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An extraction that stimulates
the heart. There is a thin skin that covers

your organs. The encasing of the heart
is *pericardium*. When flooded with fluid

beating against it is arduous.

My father said that dying was indeed tunnel-like.
But there is no bright light.
It is kaleidoscopic, this darkness.

A beating finally ceasing
in a de Kooning painting
all colors beginning

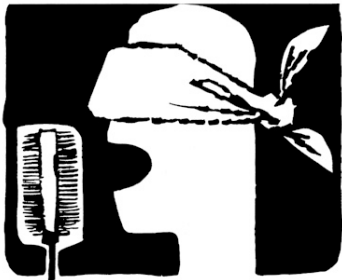
in *burnt*: sienna, umber, orange
as in rust. Rustic meaning original

as in: origins
as in return: or
born in reverse.

Textural as sandstone
it spins like globes, like dervishes
slows and thickens.

To talk of wildflowers:
purple sugar bowl,
shooting star, balsamroot,

unusual bloom
spied beneath brittle branches felled,
unlikely in its whiteness.



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