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## **YELLOW DOG**



I

In the pitch black shadow of a hill the yellow dog rises, like a halo...

II

Under the tamarind tree the grasses shootthe yellow dog digs them out furiously!

Ш

The statue's head is rollingthe yellow dog is yelping, I closed my eyes and whisper in tandem, 'Amen, amen.' The yellow dog turns his eye on me. I taste vinegar, think, 'It is finished!'

V

The shame in me bent into a bow, like the lapped tail of the yellow dog.

VI

An old moon lifts through the air's raw scentthe yellow dog drags its belly on the pavement.

VII

I hang my head in shame having seen the faces that spat as the yellow dog drifted through my thoughts ...

VIII

All I have seen is nothing compared to the yellow dog whose tongue hangs out at the sight of

Everything!

The sun goes down

The yellow dog is licking its groin.

X

Digging down to the earth's core, I came upon the molten leer of the yellow dog.

ΧI

The world was asleep: a painting in which nothing moved but for the yellow dog's jaundiced eye.

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