

The Difference Between Undetermined & Undermined

Instead, in the eastern sky, a flower.
From the road we accept the substitution
without question, the highway
and the fossil of the highway, the same.
The theme is played on a strip of balloon rubber,
the player camped under overpass
unapproachable tune blown thin
from the place in his hands.
If not cars we wait for something else
our waiting undiminished.
We misread the postcard of light
and are better for it.
Baroque or barbeque,
hinges on a squint.
We set the west ablaze with our portfolios,
our substance turned to silhouette.
Each roadside hideout more hideous.
Deep frieze of fryer fat upon the range hood.
Toilet at the filling station,
low bog of chlorophyll,
concentric rings terracing the porcelain.
The life that crawls from that neglect
belies neglect. We give a résumé
of false references and carry on.