

A voice transfigured in winter

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I

*First Voice:* I remember  
Your laughter  
Had many wings

And thinking  
Your laughter was everything  
I imagined you  
Flickering on the hill  
Your face pale as feathers.

But your laughter lifted you up  
Carrying you over the sea to where  
Silence overcomes all sound.

II

*Second Voice:* On the third day  
I looked up  
And saw Christ eat  
A black apple  
With fire for meat

Arms outspread under  
The dark sun  
His pale face  
Unscorched

His right hand  
Held flames that fluttered  
With many wings.