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SIX POEMS BY ALEKSIS RANNIT

SMALL BEGINNING

The name of time
is
namelessness,
rivers,
eyeless,
forlorn.

Beauty
is
death of face,
cast into purity of form.

DIOSKORIDES — TO BYRON

Stay,
poet of thunder,
hear through my silence
and know:
dearer to me
than lightning
the syllables'
gradual
flame.

LOVE

From life's living name
the flame to distance
melting out
slowly into silence
veils,
but the word still comes
a marvel to our lips —

