

"Dare to See"
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"To dare to see is to steal fire from the Gods."
-Ingrid Magnusson in Janet Fitch's "White Oleander"

brownbear'ed
hazelboughed
greenglassed
gawglow'd
blueskie'd...

These twins erupting through the night; my feral force, my
guiding light
Like shadows shining through the storm; lead me home,
gemenii, safe & warm

Like Danu & Domnu, um and yang-
the contrast that the turtle sang:
Huginn, Munnin: ravens, fly
like Morrigan and her Shadow in the sky

no other twin swamplight dancers will lead me to my own
true answers

the leftward lantern, in fairytales, led you to sights
unsanctified
the starboard steerer's left lit to shoot
golden, grey, or green, these lights reveal the faults
unjustified
the wayward ways of earth, the wonders, and life's loot

set your sight on extrabright
neons to fluorescents, house of light
will-o-wisps or whippoorwills
flashlit paths or stationed stills

like fireflies, like fireballs
like smoke signals, like candlecalls

lead your own way through the black
scream your tales from the clifftops when you're back
whenever, if ever, you plan to return:
tell 'em, traveler, what they'll learn

if ever if ever they ever endeavor
to venture forth to lions, where Greek fire burns

Through all the
phantasmagoria
of life and lies
shipwrecks, crashes, triangles and terror
a set of twins helps The Fool rise
(aided by a good dose of trial & error)

The best and the worst of you lights your way:
our own two eyes make it impossible to stray

you should know, whatever Grail you're questing for,
not even the kingfisher can calm these seas
but when you stepped off the rocks, you left shore
with twin windows to your world tearing up in the breeze.