

## Dissolving Forms

unstable particles

charmed quarks

hadrons

topaz poppies in new bloom

*in summer there is a river  
where bees drink  
in their blue thirst*

*but now in January  
only kaleidoscopes  
of cold and wind*

energies

gold wool/red silk/the skin of tangerines

*the men go south  
to capture memories  
of an exploding star*

*(gamma rays falling  
so purely  
toward Alice Springs)*

*bees swim toward Australia  
in their blue joy*

crystals/mirrors

water that swirls in pools  
the water tower at Charlotte Street  
rainsilver on Black Lake

a rosary

where peaches grow  
and briary vines  
(and steep light filters  
through rose quartz)

*at home the women  
who must write of this  
are turning the pages of old books  
imagining light from supernovae  
thirsting for light from  
the Southern Cross*

*Jeanne Shannon*