

Ruddy Darter

To throw
yourself against an arrow
or tide
to startle or stitter
sharpen, glitter
as mackerel
leap sudden
stutter water
breath dug
as a root
from body ripped
up like a fish-
ed wing
tip.

Hoverfly

Things pass

over: nerve, wing, a broad

beating sky that never fills

entirely like the sea

in the midst of low

colour, a twist of sky

peels a lemon

causing you to rise

from thick seaweed, pop

through sparkled water

where waves blossom

sun foams

your eyes lift up from

their bones

a whole sky clearing your throat:

such hope.