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Parlour-Piece

Ted Hughes (1930-1998)

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With love so like fire they dared not

Let it out into strawy small talk;

With love so like a flood they dared not

Let out a trickle lest the whole crack,

These two sat speechlessly;

Pale cool tea in tea-cups chaperoned

Stillness, silence, the eyes

Where fire and flood strained.

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