



Undine by John Elkerr
3.5" x 4.5"
Ink on paper

UNDINE

i.

I knew I loved you when you welcomed me down from the air, chased by a contrail of spittled teddy bear kissed arms flung out like wings, my ankles a spun gray mist of failed speed. may the Keepers be shocked.

ii.

I knew I loved you when you drew me into your amber house, steadied me through the floors, amphitheatres of waving sedge grass where drowning boys go for solace. may the Keepers wail and lose their minds.

iii.

I knew I loved you when you gave me three hearts to spin and sprint across the funky muds of the earth, when you sublimed my face with placental blue notes of a song you knew the Keepers would never let me sing.

Text by Stephen Eric Berry