## Dog Walk in a Cloud

## **Blancmange**

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Past lunatic dogs Heads full of moons and teeth Along a long lane We can talk as we walk Take our own limping post wasp Stung canine, canine Deaf as a post And to this world, world Passing random scenes of fly tipping There's got to be money in that we'll say But there isn't but there isn't One day let's go back with power tools Charged and make something of it Make something of it Make something of it Make something of it

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Open the gate then a diagonal setting Across any field that's vibrant velveteen green Towards the dark woods and murderous cuds Young cows tracking us myopically As we pass through the second high pasture At the gate, sanitised A view reveals too few We reached the top No need to hoist a flag This land isn't ours The moat to our left Not a moat to boast about The river, an estuary now silvery pingled A way, way below We pause For photos of oaks and the like Swapping phones which screen crash And for our breath We pause

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Down then down we and Audrey limping tread Cut across to the old church climbing a forbidden fence A single bone signposts the churchyard gate I guess the owner couldn't wait Plenty more hidden beneath grave stones Under soft ground sinking
An official letter from a bishop
I think pinned to the door of the church
Forbidding someone somewhere to enter for some reason or other
It wasn't that clear
Closing the gate the dog on the lead
Sanitised hands down the church drive
Back to the car then?

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