On the forecourts of French libraries from Reignac to Marseille s

The rain rattles small cars, clouds drape over backseats I am a photograph in your satchel, between a paperback and ciga rettes

I am the dead bird on the gravel, neck snapped from last night's Northwesterly

But no peace, no closure

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Beside these roads that halt like jetties, beneath circling mur ders are leafless trees

Drowning at the knees; some burnt to the fingertips

And here my tracks sink, end, return as I walked in and out of you

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Driving back through the town

The road map-pinned by Pharmacie signs winking up-road

The cars slice the afternoon with a guillotine slush

As it bleeds into a night peppered by stars and planes to Japan And the changing of gears jilts the cats from the walls

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