Goddess Gagged

Protest the Hero

Oh God!

The sound they must have heard in the distance A wilderness of sound and movement repeating itself across the narrows of the mountainsides, the cries of creatures crashing

against cold rock, human voices heralding the hillside.

Their bellows bounding ripe with resonance From here the unimportant call received the all important answe ${\tt r.}$

Oh goddess who bore us what we must have done to have buried your daughters and prayed for a son.

The wind and the rain spoke a language of wonder To a species rising thickly to a dialogue with thunder In the empty space between better and worse Language unravels and irony hurts.

In the common place between hunger and thirst
The words that define us a blessing and curse
The words that confine the ideas traversed the ear
To hear the song without verse, the sound of the sound of the sound
Utter first, the burst into nothing so sudden and soft.

The silence inside you when the music has stopped.