

SO FULL OF SHAPES IS FANCY

come into wonders like the rose-grower
wake your skin to the late promises
of light: watch dusk colour the white
garden wall: be a pink-tainted canvas
for the courtyard: her leaf-droopy greens
& young budded flowers:
cowslip, geranium & chamomile,
thick clustered stalks, palmetto,
creeper vines & wet palms,
a trimmed yellow rosebush
& a *coco-de-mer*; & the twilit air
holds the scents of needs
drenched & stretched, eased
into an afterglow: even the feast lingers,
luscious: grilled peppers, sushi
zucchini & seared tuna;

the Roman blonde, Linda, is a cosmetologist
& coiffeuse (& actually) *English*:
her paisley daydress is discarded: purple-
pink silk by an empty planter;
as Linda in white fire
goes about the business of love:

she's tracing painted canopies,
painting ruby-tips & writing recipes
for gems: courting the mild dove:
seeking abundance
in the tiny & enticing late light