

## Handsome Family

### "Stalled"

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the giant of Illinois  
died from a blister on his toe  
after walking all day through the first winter's snow

throwing bits of stale bread to the last speckled doves  
he never even felt his shoe full of blood

delirious with pain, his bedroom walls began to glow  
and he felt himself soaring up through falling snow  
and the sky was a woman's arms  
the sky was a woman's arms

a boy with a club foot  
had sat next to him in school  
once upon a summer's day they went wandering  
through the woods

they spotted a sleeping swan  
on the banks of a muddy stream  
and they stormed it with rock still it collapsed in the  
reeds

they lay out on a green lawn full of chocolate and  
lemonade  
but under the blue bowl the giant was afraid  
because the sky was a woman's arms  
the sky was a woman's arms

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