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## **red**

red —  
the blinding burning  
bleeding red.  
the red that flows  
through the meat,  
in the streets,  
in the heat —  
the irrepressible  
irresponsible  
passionate red.  
direct, demanding,  
deep and damning,  
flaming  
raving  
blazing  
crazing

red —  
red of light  
red of sleight  
red of flight —  
gleaming, steaming,  
thieving, seething,  
breathing  
red.  
the painfully pure,  
narcotically sure,  
pitiless possession of  
red.

