

# JOHN WALSER

## The Thames at Night

I want to drop  
like a paperweight moon  
into the water:

the river's skin  
like sweat-polished leather:

the river's skin  
black currants smeared.

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