

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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