## **EXPOSURE**

It is December in Wicklow:
Alders dripping, birches
Inheriting the last light,
The ash tree cold to look at.

A comet that was lost
Should be visible at sunset,
Those million tons of light
Like a glimmer of haws and rose-hips,

And I sometimes see a falling star.

If I could come on meteorite!

Instead, I walk through damp leaves,
Husks, the spent flukes of autumn,

Imagining a hero
On some muddy compound,
His gift like a slingstone
Whirled for the desperate.

How did I end up like this?

I often think of my friends'

Beautiful prismatic counselling

And the anvil brains of some who hate me

As I sit weighing and weighing
My responsible tristia.
For what? For the ear? For the people?
For what is said behind-backs?

Rain comes down through the alders, Its low conducive voices Mutter about let-downs and erosions And yet each drop recalls

The diamond absolutes.

I am neither internee nor informer;

## 體驗

十二月的偉克洛 榿樹的餘雨在滴落 樺樹承受日暮餘熙 白蠟樹叫人望而生寒

一顆迷路的彗星 應該在日落中出現 那百萬噸火光 像縷縷山楂子和薔薇實的閃光

如果我有幸騎上一顆隕石 我會不時看見流星 但我只踏着潤濕殘葉 等待秋天僥倖通過

想像一位英雄 腳踏混着泥濘的廢物 他的天才好似一枚投石 為冒險者拋開

我怎樣會落得如此地步 我時常想念友人 美麗準確如棱的輔導 那一些心如鐵石的恨我的人

每當我靜坐着三翻思量 我所負責的詩歌 為何為誰獨聽或為大眾 為了背人而說的是非

山雨透過榿樹紛紛落下 低語意義深長 輕訴幾許失信與侵蝕 每一點滴都被記憶

如鑽石一樣真價 我既非實習生亦非告密者 An inner émigré, a grown long-haired And thoughtful; a wood-kerne 或圈內的寵兒 只是蓄着長髮的思維者 一粒樹木種子

Escaped from the massacre,
Taking protective colouring
From bole and bark, feeling
Every wind that blows;

從大屠殺逃出生天 穿上樹皮保護裝飾 感受一切騷動的風

Who, blowing up these sparks
For their meagre heat, have missed
The once in a lifetime portent,
The comet's pulsing rose.

是誰為了生起一點微熱 吹燃這些火花 那一生僅逢一次的預兆 這顆跳動着完美彗星