## Noe Venable, Climb

Can you hear me? I don't love anybody else Keep you near me Just like i try to keep myself near

All the givers
And all the rivers in the world
Cannot quench it
The arid desert that you
Bring to everyone you know

I see you counting lovers in the street I see you kissing anybody's feet You are a kitten caught up in a tree I see you climb away

Tiny birdling
Scrambling for any scraggy tree
I am thinking
You make your nest where none can be
In the summer
The streets are waving in the heat
I am thinking about the water that you keep
In the corners of your mouth

## Climb away

I see you counting lovers in the street I see you licking anybody's feet You are a kitten caught up in a tree You are unreachable by me I see you climb away