

# Emperor, In the Wordless Chamber

in the wordless chamber  
they feared death  
desperately  
thus they clustered to the fruits of the earth  
craving dispersion  
as if to avoid knowing why

in the wordless chamber  
they feared life  
desperately  
thus they proclaimed any given truth  
and swallowed  
as if to justify their fear

he knew that there had been hordes of seers  
before him  
who set out to cure  
though, the sick wished not to part with  
their decease  
as if it made them feel  
alive

in the wordless chamber  
he accepted desperation  
and the unpredictable manifestations  
of hope