

**'The Sixty Year Warning Siren'**  
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blackcurrant eyes in  
tarantula eyelashes

swirled up blackbird  
hair-pinned overhead

mind cut to the quick  
throws out searchlights

do we run into her shadows  
or dance the day in her spot

to be or not to be the fool who  
asks the answer to question you

and some say it's better  
out than in suck and see

me I prefer to be  
the gardener of  
gethsemane

and not  
the roman  
soldier's  
spear

in the  
young  
man's  
side.