

Lazulum

(Lazulum = heaven, sky - medieval Latin, derived from Arabic and Persian; and origin of the name 'lapis lazuli')

the gleam of the kingfisher's
wing flares as wild
as a flame's fiercest blue

the mirrored sky before us
breaks as the arrowed beak
cleaves the water

the bird a lightning flash
impaling the fish
flailing in the stream

we stand stunned
nailed to the quivering air

(Lapis lazuli = [bright blue] stone said to come from the heavens/ skies)