

# Towards Light and More

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*The Dream*, Balthus, 1955

## Towards Light

in a world always half in darkness  
your body may be soaked deep  
in a nightmare, rotting

but your heart can roam  
like a synchronous satellite  
in the outer space, leaving  
the long night far behind  
as long as your heart flies fast  
and high enough, you will live  
in light forever

## **Skyline in the North**

At the same height of  
    Every rocky mountain  
    Above all seasonal change  
You are widely and cursively cut

As if to bite a whole patch of  
Sky from heaven  
    With rows of rows of  
Whale-like teeth

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