

Fortunato Salazar, five poems

Leather-red

Lycion, an extract from the tan
of the acacia, frothy, decanted
into leather bottles, life & death
seem strange; clear water clear
coffee; salmon-pink petals; inns
Miffy sleeping in the back room
bed indented like a tax cabbage
quinsy in swine & hyena leather
camel leather & camel harness;
Chiron's buckthorn, shrub, drug;
flower of copper & drop-flower
of copper prepared in pans, violet-
white the color name color name
leucoion; exuded globules which
become concrete; someone who
doesn't want summer to end has
lanced the bottles that usher in
autumn; glassy drops like grapes
cling to straps fastened to beams;
barns burn, are raised, red reins in
stained hands; red for mourning &
goodly doings in the show pen.