

## Above The Waterline

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How seldom can the 'I' evade citation.  
Glimpses have silvery eros.  
I wake most days with a lettered sense of trepidation  
Because of the pale green tangibly wavering  
Scent of wisteria. Because  
Beheld through sealed lids the sun  
Can do unto the underside of eyes a nice violence.  
I have watched you engage in various  
Behaviours. I have  
Watched you drink cherry liqueur from Portugal  
Dressed in a yellow hat.  
At this stage the reader perceives the infliction  
Of a distance arbitrated  
By marked shifts in register. We must acknowledge  
The necessity of self-soothing  
Gestures when *doing the confessional*