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Pavol Janik

## On the Line – Man/ Woman and Back

You escape from me  
like gas.  
With astonishment I watch  
how with a single scrawl of your legs  
you ignite your silk dress.

With such blinding nakedness you pre-empt white flame.

Blazingly ablaze and perhaps wholly otherwise  
I address a fire

which you will no longer damp down.

That time I wanted to declare at least what was essential  
to all chance passers-by.

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