## MARY MOLINARY

## Burial of the new law / bird singing in moonlight

Thus are there but so many bones in a foot or hand Thus do they break in degrees Thus did simple moonlight fuel paranoia Thus were the wrong battles fought Thus was commerce & trade Thus did we bury our shame shallow & our dead deep Thus did torture enter the common tongue & pop culture like a yawn Thus was nevertheless a bird heard unseen in the weeping willow Thus a cool breeze at precisely 9:22 p.m. on the 8th day Thus did we number & count nouns & casualties Thus will the unseen bird continue its song Thus will a new moon rise Thus will an unseen breeze Thus will the hand & foot Thus will the graves Thus will the book