

# ELLIPSIS

'the gazed at, not  
the unlocked enigma'  
Osip Mandelstam

ελλειψία  
ellipsis

έκλειψη  
eclipse



As in the soft and sweet eclipse ,  
When soul meets soul on lovers' lips

—Percy Bysshe Shelley

when life itself  
becomes  
hocus  
like breath  
gone from  
under a bed  
i want  
to say but  
cannot say  
that sadness  
reaches back  
from certainty  
like breath turn -  
i cheat you  
of substance  
while you play  
me for a fraud

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