

Anna M. Barrett, MD

Address correspondence and  
reprint requests to Dr. Anna M.  
Barrett, 1199 Pleasant Valley  
Way, West Orange, NJ 07052  
abarrett@kesslerfoundation.org

## THALAMUS (II)

Full water  
doorway—  
Venice echoing with music. Perhaps she heard  
music as the plump  
tissue gave way, effaced, then a flood  
into the ventricle, speech wiped  
into silence. Pregnant now  
with thoughts instead of the child  
who drove the pressure up, she and I dive  
into a little drawing task together.

Where do I live? I'm trying to show her,  
but my roads are angled wrong, I'm just  
lost, like in the maze of Italian  
streets, English monolingual without a map, my plosive sigh  
draws from her an answering ripple of laughter.

Her eyes say, *in this moment*  
as on an island at a festival  
nothing to do about it, you nor I  
can't get lost—*or out*.

Adam Possner, MD

Address correspondence and  
reprint requests to Dr. Adam  
Possner, Medical Faculty  
Associates, George Washington  
University, 2150 Pennsylvania  
Avenue NW, Suite 2-105 South,  
Washington, DC 20037  
apossner@mfa.gwu.edu

## SHINGLES

It lies dormant  
in dorsal root  
waiting  
through the Spring, Summer, and Fall of Life  
for the perfect moment

before sprouting  
a branch or two  
dew drops  
on rose petals by another name  
heralded by the thorns.

# Neurology®

## Reflections for June

Adam Possner

*Neurology* 2011;76;2128

DOI 10.1212/WNL.0b013e31821f465c

**This information is current as of June 13, 2011**

<b>Updated Information &amp; Services</b>	including high resolution figures, can be found at: <a href="http://n.neurology.org/content/76/24/2128.2.full">http://n.neurology.org/content/76/24/2128.2.full</a>
<b>Subspecialty Collections</b>	This article, along with others on similar topics, appears in the following collection(s): <b>All Clinical Neurology</b> <a href="http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/all_clinical_neurology">http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/all_clinical_neurology</a> <b>Neuropathic pain</b> <a href="http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/neuropathic_pain">http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/neuropathic_pain</a> <b>Viral infections</b> <a href="http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/viral_infections">http://n.neurology.org/cgi/collection/viral_infections</a>
<b>Permissions &amp; Licensing</b>	Information about reproducing this article in parts (figures, tables) or in its entirety can be found online at: <a href="http://www.neurology.org/about/about_the_journal#permissions">http://www.neurology.org/about/about_the_journal#permissions</a>
<b>Reprints</b>	Information about ordering reprints can be found online: <a href="http://n.neurology.org/subscribers/advertise">http://n.neurology.org/subscribers/advertise</a>

*Neurology*® is the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Published continuously since 1951, it is now a weekly with 48 issues per year. Copyright © 2011 by AAN Enterprises, Inc.. All rights reserved. Print ISSN: 0028-3878. Online ISSN: 1526-632X.

