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## Death of the Blues

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## **Death of the Blues**

Blind Lemon Jefferson, plump little boy,  
sixth and last, with sort of a gift for wandering  
far from the porch and not getting lost, chased  
rabbits across the black oil waste and shrieked  
at the false disasters, his brothers and sisters, those  
voices that couldn't hear the wind sear and sing  
through scrub as he could hear it, blues in the sky,  
blues in the kitchen, blues in the stars on high,  
blue night, blue future, blue infuckingcredible guitar,  
blue Wortham, blue Dallas, blue Chicago bus stop,  
blue blind snow, blue headlights who knows whose,  
blue fingers cupped and breathed into and steaming  
the same blue steam rising through sewer gratings,  
blue face. It goes. The lonely go. Blue everything.