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The Etiology of Fainting

as a radical you are a disappointment

but it's all relative

in the harem you are nothing but a scandal in the vicarage

loose the stays of your corset (whales of seven seas miss their bones)

teach buttons to march up your boots a regiment phalanx of palaver

> in the time it takes to stretch a canvas or a dress on a dummy the time it takes to mix oils the minute it takes to look

and measure

the body melts and you can't

get air into your lungs

your browning vision is not the browning version

a faint ring in your ears reminds you

what you wanted was ten minutes

to yourself