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Cloud Ears

Slow-rolled
S's
widened,
front
to
back,
swelled
top
to
bottom:
And here,
into these coupled
C's,
Love, inflect your silent
E —
perhaps, then I'd hear
how well,
how awfully
close
to
my breath,
you end.

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