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NETTLES

i sought an euphemism for the slaughter
shed that's what we were
behind

a spindrift of wool
on a nettle

the weeds baroque

chapels were interrupting
the clouds

whatever had a path
was on it

nettle thorned
dew

with icicles of irritant

you say the bristles
immaculate a braille fur

you reach for them *comma*

snap when i tell you to stop