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NOCTURNE

After Delvaux

A classic landscape  
Horizon  
defined by walls  
lights arcades

On tiled walks  
nudes  
sleepwalking  
They are cool

Their mouths  
are seafoam  
their throats  
a whispering in the leaves

They pass  
staring straight ahead  
as if in another  
dimension

one hand touching  
the genital rose  
the other  
brushing aside

waves of dark hair  
Everything here  
is asleep  
houses in the moonlight

trees birds fountains  
sleep  
waiting for a cry  
that never comes