

# BARROW STREET

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## Your Cookie's Fortune

You plus an ugly girl  
on an August porch swing,  
thinking about something else.  
Your hand growing stickier in hers.

You plus an ugly girl.  
You sprout in Styrofoam,  
converse in static-filled sentences,  
as if you sometimes eat TVs.  
Legs that swing above the floor,  
roots that don't need dirt.

You plus an ugly girl  
making plans for more babies  
than there are names you like.  
They'll end up with initials, BJ,  
JR, KC. You get them confused.  
Your ugly girl scolds and corrects you;  
when they're born, she'll correct you again.