

**E MAIL TO DAMNISO LOPEZ  
(TIME)**

Time-this rumor,  
Temporarily a moment  
Of

Iconographic polyphonic obscure subjectivity  
Containing  
Vague objects and vague events,

A kingfisher is a kettle drum,  
White gold hair  
Hanging over the back  
Of a blue kimono,

And King Lear.

Sunlight changes a spider  
Into a pearl,  
And gallinule's purple coloratura  
Into a lonely room.

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**E MAIL TO DAMNISO LOPEZ  
(SENSE)**

The sense of being touched.

Comes  
>From the touch  
Of a fingertip  
That is absent,

Fingernails  
Are painted a pale green.

My flesh  
Says  
"Inside your body  
Is a phone that never rings  
Because  
It is not connected to a power line  
Or structure."

Gazing outside,  
I feel shut in,  
But on the power line  
Sits  
A Flycatcher  
With a long tail  
Curled  
And quivering  
On the end.

- Duane Locke