ROSE SELLERY

Broken Dreams, 2012 Reconstructed Tempered Glass, 8.5 x 7.5 x 3.5 in

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Lovesick

Why don't you just say one of your prayers, she sighs on the way to the airport

passing through the Virginia hills, something hidden and dazed in her look

like Dylan's corrosive voice smoldering out of the radio.

When we stop to stretch in a grove of dark pines

she looks like she's trying to remember something

standing beside the fender and bending the wing-mirror over:

I look okay in this gray light, she says no one can see my crow's feet.

I can't decide if she's flirting with me or trying to pick a fight.

What if I tell her I'm not afraid of her riddles and midnight rages?

What if I hand her these scrawny violets and just say, Get back in the car?

Joseph Millar's most recent collection is *Blue Rust* (Carnegie-Mellon, 2012). His work has won fellowships from the NEA and the Guggenheim Foundation. He teaches in Pacific University's low residency MFA and lives in Raleigh, NC

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