

*Making and Getting*

the sodium-vapor lamps warm on, to tint our block with orange, squash blossom light

across the street some old porch steps cast shadows that curve like mountains

    a building in bad need of graffiti

        no roof or floors, a tree in the middle

as kids we made potions with shampoo, Windex, whiskey, dirt, and milk then hid them behind our TV

    mom told us that our feet were too wide for Nikes

now I'm allergic to gold