

LONDON GODFREY

Hotel Bed

illness and death showing the body raw: infirm, intimate

a landscape: a known context, a line, a gesture

what evidence there is of decay: beautiful, especially naked

to delight: a body on top of a body

lust when: it doesn't feel like a sin

it's that it feels at all: feels all

the situation of the affair: even though we told each other over
and over it's not likely

and myths are moving through us: we're mortal

field of punishment: a bright green bundle of leaves, erect with
water and sun, pulled out by the roots

happiness of that entire transaction: fantasy of my youth which
was always almost coming true

you want certain relationships exactly because they'll hurt you:
a warm bed

in a warm bed alone, looking out a window: brown & ochre
paisley curtains parted, like a long skirt held open