

Cloud's Nostalgia (2006) Kim Hyesoon Translated by Don Mee Choi

Rabbit's ear entered as the white wall laughed I pulled that smelly thing Rabbit-cloud mushroomed-mushroomed

Buttocks-cloud came down from the ceiling
Those buttocks belong to the wrestler at our neighbourhood gym

A rope for strangling came down, but it dispersed as soon as it hanged a neck The walls floated in air and barked The door to the room opened, where the angels were tortured and had cried My screams poured out like shit, so I opened an umbrella to receive them

A thousand nipples protruded from my body Every nipple needed to be milked white milk My body overflowing with milk was swollen like a jar The jar smelled of white rabbit

Those plastic things, paper, cloths
I sang about the memories of my attachment to those things in my room

When I sang, all the sweat pores on my body salivated my black fur got wet

I pulled the mask tightly like a shoestring and waddled-waddled out like a wrestler

Now it's time to confess, my lover is that cloud Water falls from its face every time its expression changes hundreds of times a day

Shall I call it The morning nap of someone who has left?
(I almost said A dirty sight, for I'm unable to forget it)
Shall I say It's a flustered rabbit because its hutch has vanished?
Shall I say My melancholy's nostalgia?
or Your facial expressions fall off every second and get buried in the ground?

Green-strawberry-summit-cloud White-hair-cloud encircles god's neck Hook-cloud hooks my neck's artery onto a cloud Lens-cloud opens the lid of my house and peers into it

Over there, the boys from martial arts gym run into the sunset with red-red briefs over their heads and

I pull threads from the crimson cloud and weave my undergarments and twist my fat fattened body