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## lightning in brilliant orange cloud

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## ECT

ECT- Electro-Convulsive Therapy-  
a controversial treatment in which  
a convulsion or seizure is produced  
by passing an electric current  
through the brain

My sister took me that first time  
She even drove my car  
She had no experience with this  
But she came with an army anyway  
We had to get up very early  
Because it's first come first served  
Even though what they serve  
Is nearly beyond bearable

She talked to me  
Like you would an injured bird  
She knew that it was all I could do  
To just be, and feel afraid, and make  
myself small  
And I couldn't speak much  
So she spoke to me  
From time to time we would look at  
each other

And find each other inside of all  
the strangeness  
Then the others took over  
My sister told me she would be  
right there  
Waiting to take me home  
And when it was over  
She brought me home  
She took over completely  
And as I slept  
She cleared the rooms, hallways,  
stairways of shame

Sometime we can look back  
At this extraordinary task  
And triumph will claim us  
By the depth we belong together  
Then when we look at each other  
We will be overcome  
With all the love that we had made  
On that terrible, terrible day

*Gail Cairns*



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