

Burnt

Amanda Lucas

I think of your little body

bent

where he left you

your bones folded like a dress which having gone unworn lies half-forgotten

You lie

beneath the sun beneath the dirt and bark and the fires which every seven years lick and kiss the ground above you as they pass

leaving you
unchanged
but making this
(our hiding place)
appear a little funny and new
with all the intensity
and brevity
of
puppylove