

Epithalamium

A swift green bride
and veiled husband
ill-fitting for a hairpin

in a blue suede wheelbarrow
in a wedding ambulance
the streets paved in

embraces and a tattooed
priest hidden behind
breadcrumbs with mottos

and blessings for the
well-groomed trees
pearls reminding her

that summer is only a theme
and lilacs are punishable
but never learn.

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