

Not Why

It was early in March
one morning
when I arrived in 北京
and the cloudy weather
like 汤
invited me into its belly
not knowing what to expect of
this crocodile without
牙齿
mumbling away in 中文
The air is not here
where the 高楼
enter the sky
like 钉子 with no ends
and no pain
And the 汽车
just drive on
till the end of this time
蚂蚁, ants, furmias
I work here in the cold
And the 雪
which is pale like the 雕塑
in my hands
in 石膏
and not why

Not 维塔爾

Notes (not for publishing):

北京 Beijing
汤 hot water, boiling water, soup
牙齿 teeth
中文 Chinese
高楼 tower
钉子 nails
汽车 car
蚂蚁 ants
雪 snow
雕塑 sculpture
石膏 plaster

Not 维塔爾 (Vital)