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AT THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of the caracal
night-roamer
lynx of the desert
beast of the black-tufted ear
wondrous leaper
you who bolt into the air of the wild
to claim your meat
to satisfy a hunger
such as the desperate must feel
before a vow is spoken
that lifts falling eyes
to a book held aloft
a mouth opening
to stammer *of the Lord*.

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