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lightening with moths

white behind the walnuts

If a woman couldn't sleep
and came to this window
in this light her skin
would glow like bones

Clouds over the full moon
even with the wind

What would have been
nuts look like limes
on the white stones,

it sounds like some
one tapping on a glass
coffin. It sounds

like someone tapping
from within the tree