

## Eye Exam

the ophthalmologist detected  
a light clouding of the lens  
nothing to worry about  
a minor change to track  
in exams to come

just like the slightly elevated  
blood pressure easily controlled  
with a daily pill, or the cholesterol  
count that another pills lowers  
the mechanism is getting old  
but replacement parts are ready  
and my body chemistry responds  
to pharmaceutical interventions

for those yet to come  
spirit could inhabit an instrument  
of durability and design  
the fruit of modern engineering

how will tenderness work  
will a mouth made of alloys be as suitable  
for kissing as one of flesh and bone  
will a tongue roll as deliciously  
over synthetic skin what need  
will convulsive exchange  
of genetic codes serve  
when computer files  
preserve easily replicable records  
of personal templates

instead of love a process

of design and experiment  
eye color long an option  
soon too the number shape  
extent of appendages the water  
solubility of lungs the use  
of the instrument will expand  
pride will spur competition  
such vast beauty will appear  
glorious beings fulfilling  
an inner vision of living  
in harmony in conflict  
one more choice of many  
made visible in art

iodine eyes to come  
violet teeth  
absorbent flesh  
golden as desire itself