

Nature Show

In one hour I can imagine twenty kayaks,
In one hour I can earn a few greenbacks
Only I'm shuddering, freezing too;
Forgive me for not giving birth to you.
I can write a sonnet or suck someone off
I can whisper your name a thousand times
I watch how they draw as they sketch my lines
Some have the knack, others haven't quite.
In one hour you can catch pneumonia:
Please draw me a picture of pneumonia
Please draw me the terror of nights without you
When I'm hacking, hunched over, unpeeling my back;
They even draw that.

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