

H.D.'s "Sea Poppies" (1916)

Amber husk
fluted with gold,
fruit on the sand
marked with a rich grain,

treasure 5
spilled near the shrub-pines
to bleach on the boulders:

your stalk has caught root
among wet pebbles
and drift flung by the sea 10
and grated shells
and split conch-shells.

Beautiful, wide-spread,
fire upon leaf,
what meadow yields 15
so fragrant a leaf
as your bright leaf?