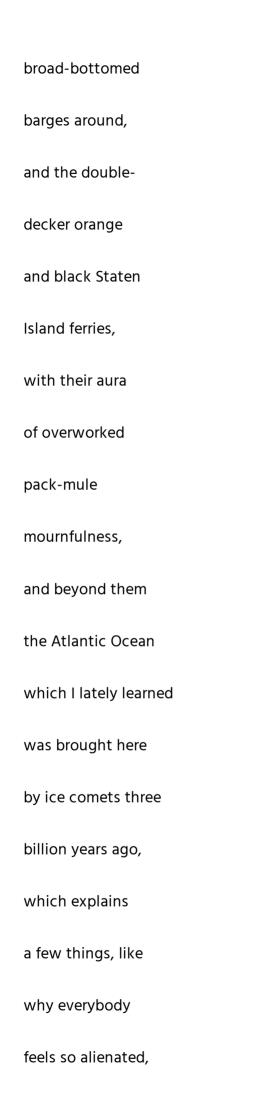
Over and Under

POETRY OUT LOUD

By John Brehm





and of course
the thoughts being
thought by every
person in New
York City at
this moment—
vast schools of
undulating fish
curving and rising
in the cloud-swirling
wind-waved sky,
surrounded by
the vaster emptiness
of non-thought
which holds them
and which they try
not to think
about and you
lying in bed in
your sixth-floor
walk-up sublet

on St. Mark's Place—
such a breathtaking ascension!
imagining me
rising now to meet you.

Source: Poetry (Poetry Foundation, 2007)