

Hollywood and Possession

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At the corner of Hollywood and Possession
Ancient and hip vie for attention
Tradition lives in the coffin maker
And the medicine man
In the fishmonger and the cook

On Bonham Strand West
Ginseng, mushrooms, and bird's nest
Alchemy cures all diseases
And potions relieve all sores

Police Married Quarters up the hill
In this town, sparkling or still?
Designers create Goods of Desire
Art goes pop, moods turn graphic
While Consumption feeds the hungry

On the way towards Queen's Road
Galleries goad
Wall sized photographs
Stamp sized apartments in tower blocks

Millennial turn of the century
Against dynasties, you be the jury
Glorious in jade, terra cotta, wood
Does a mammoth tusk turn
Craft into art?

Man Mo Temple incense wafting
Tourists snapping
A motor cross bike jumped down a flight
Caught by a headless tripod

European modernity arrives as cuisine
Fusion, confusion part of the scene
Organic, colonic; health is wealth
And all that jazz began
At Hollywood and Possession