Frat boy liffee

Grain streaks down your captures
Of October, 2009 when
The floor never ached with
Cold and your brother
And you would imagine marigolds.

By the pool-water, at low tide, lying in
In light blue tiles that would
Read your breaths for kicks
But in the earnest of its slants of color
spelled back little knees and elbows.
And the watchful eye of the hedgerow,
That held some stone-faced saint; Francis maybe,
He weathered by his yet-sworn swear,
To measure (in darker greens, the hedgerow) children
By the break of coins, from hard
Concrete in the wake of their softer
Fingernails.

"I love you madly"
How many more years, would
Run the color down from the tiles
To call for such a heavy hand;
Happened on unclean separation.

