

# Ish

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*Is and Not Is is Ish.  
Iberian autumns and Spanish springs.  
They are never what you wish,  
these things.*

*The fake nicotine stain  
on the ceiling of smoke-free bars.  
Unloved mongrels sub-woofing pain  
from their cars.*

*The virgin hook awaiting its fish.  
Lamia halfway to a bat.  
The feline apotheosis of Ish -  
Shroedinger's cat.*

*Some flowers grow higher than others.  
One bird is mute. Another sings.  
Girls outgrow their mothers.  
It is the nature of things*

*Everything is a halfway state  
No point that isn't a middle position  
Even the full-stop of fate  
is just a comma before decomposition,*

