

Shelby Edison

**in lisbon my friend gets a google alert of “how to prepare for the quantum
apocalypse”**

after Hanif Abdurraqib

sitting on a steppe / sparkling cider / cymbal sunset / a boy a girl / in other's hands /
ebullient tango / maybe lovers / maybe friends / maybe strangers / kismet propelled /
holding each other / closer / with the buckler's smokey notes / incandescent bakeries / like
anemones / on wistful cobblestones / and five euro pinot / opulent indulgence / stop for
tarts / rough crust crumble / cherry liquor ripples / chocolate cups / snapdragons /
between our teeth / damp denim on a cycloned clothesline / balcony views / sunshower
flickers / a rainbow's arch / premonition / ballad of book pages / flipping / a conversation
/ his tongue flicks percussion into his gums / my upturned lips / a response /so my answer
is this / is how I prepare