Brass Rubbing: Chinese Horses and the World

where will we find such horses
deer ankled
women haunchèd
narrow nosèd
great with smell
feet of ice
floating curves of power

if they are only an artist's dream
where will we find such artists
stern wristèd
sun minded
hands of ink and clay
fragrant with lines
floating curves of power
valley
moonlight
temple
sky
mountains of sea
other horses of foam
other men of iron and bits
warriors fierce as women

women beautiful as horses
deer ankled
high arched
feet of ice
stern waisted
silk minded
haunted with color
where will we find such women
floating curves of power
men and horses carved in their eyes

—Wendy Bishop