Faces, B.C.E.

Immutable stone
steatite, limestone
sandstone, granite.
Anthropomorphic
zoomorphic
inert minerals.
Human hands
worked you
into aesthetic
definable shapes
aeons ago.

Your
bland fierce asexual
visages
confront me
the inheritor
of art pre-historical
my steps silently
plodding
through stone corridors
of stone buildings
erected to house
stone artifacts.

Meant to outlast
your creators
you yet live
in a mythic
skin-itching way.
I look on you
and you look
right through me.

—Rita Rosenfeld