

Brass Rubbing: Chinese Horses and the World

where will we find such horses
 deer ankle
 women haunched
 narrow nosed
 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 wristed
 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 ankle
 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*