

If You Close Your Eyes....

If you close your eyes, can you hear
the sea-shell hiss of silence or
the distant echo of existence

If you close your eyes, do you sense
scented traces of lavender
with a hint of sacred hyssop

If you close your eyes, listen -
can you hear the birch blethering
as the breeze brushes past the leaves

If you close your eyes, crush the leaves
do you inhale zest of verbena
or essence of purple sage

If you close your eyes, can you taste
spicy notes of helichrysum
wafted on a passing gust

If you close your eyes, inhale -
does a whiff of Coty lipstick
prompt an Italian flashback

Open your eyes
breathe in
heed the Kookaburra
crush the leaves of the eucalypt
breathe out

(23 lines)