

Elizabeth the Fijian

“Since we became civilized,” she said
in her British voice,
as we gazed on the artifacts
of the last King—

What a Queen she would have been for him!
The autocratic body
laden with necklaces of bone,
standing at the entrance of the Mbure,
her black eyes intent on her musicians,
the hair teased five feet out—

“the cannibals are gone.”

“The people in my country,” I said,
“gulp gold, power and glory
—aeropagites.”

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