

Shhh

• *Deborah Schnitzer* •

He shoulders her
Eyes wrapped in a blanket she has given up crying

noises kill people
"Shhh."

If she should say the name of her brother who was bent by the road
She will shatter the glasses her father is wearing
When her mother screams

"Shhh."
This is the sound of today and tomorrow
This is everyone's new name
Dipped in darkness