

Voodoo

If your neighbor
steals your dog, put out sugar,
wear silk. The dog will come back,
and your neighbor will die of sugar-coat.

If time seems to move fast,
wash clothes, hang them out
to dry with chicken feathers.

If your egg cracks too easily,
watch your money,
hold it down.

If your flowers bloom in January,
watch your man,
hold him down.

If love stops growing in your house,
wipe yourself, wipe him
with the same cloth, tie nine knots
in it, put it under
the mattress, and wait.

If a neighbor's child cries in your yard,
give her toothpicks,
tell her to build a miniature house
around her heart.