The Wild Cherry Tree

Why does the wild cherry tree
blooming
on the Hudson
make everything
more so
more itself?
So the green
of the elm is greener than
when it stands alone,
the sky
bluer
So you
are one of those
who make others
more themselves
more what they
are!
Of those who draw them to the extreme
verge,
the edge
that crackles:
that is
your beauty;
that is what
you do

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