

**MATTHEW NIENOW**

**O Anchor**

Dark charms the anchor in its house  
  
of water, and what type of bottom  
does it drag, for what type of work, for you,  
  
with your need to stay in roughly the same place  
  
for a night, with your questions of how  
much to let out  
  
and how well your windlass works  
  
and how you feel sometimes hauling  
200 foot of chain by hand in the dark,  
  
wondering what in your life sent you  
  
here, where the world exists as much  
below you as above, where you are  
  
as much the chain as the chain.