

## John Col

*"I reach from pain to music great enough to  
bring me back"*

*--Michael S. Harper*

*"trane's horn had words in it"*

*--A.B. Spellman*

John Col-  
trane's "Central Park  
West" from the first  
the point where

this is not enough  
untested pain  
imagined shred-  
ding of my heart

this poem snipped  
from paper Or  
a battered brass  
blood-blowing horn

the bloody foot-  
lights cup the dark  
where red and black  
are beautiful

a terrible beau-  
ty a terrible  
beauty a terrible  
beauty a horn

And this brass heart-  
beat this red  
sob this this  
John Coltrane Col-  
trane song