

For J. M. W. Turner

the watercolour sketches

it wasn't very difficult
it was all there already
the trade winds made it
the sun made it quite simply
the moon made it
by turning round
the earth in turn
at its own pitch made it
rotating at the right angle
precipitation made it
dewfall gravity and dust
made it
but who pulled down
water-vapour light
without disturbing a drop of it
settled it on paper
and our eyes had five senses?

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