

BLUE

in autumn we go to blankenberg
papa's feet flip-flop and he leans on his stick

because papa is so slow I race
onto the beach in my rubber boots

jellyfish stare their **blue** eyeballs
up from the wet sand

but I dash between them
out to the grey waves

who whisper and shush
and tear their lace frills to pieces

blue pigments were first ground from lapis lazuli cobalt and azurite. **blue** derives from the old high german *blao* meaning *shimmering* or *lustrous*. ancient egyptians associated **blue** with the sky and divinity. it protected their dead in the tombs. around the mediterranean people wear **blue** amulets against misfortune. the impressionists used **blue** to create mood. in music the **blues** signify melancholy.