

# No Swan So Fine By Marianne Moore

"No water so still as the  
dead fountains of Versailles." No swan,  
with swart blind look askance  
and gondoliering legs, so fine  
as the chinz china one with fawn-  
brown eyes and toothed gold  
collar on to show whose bird it was.

Lodged in the Louis Fifteenth  
candelabrum-tree of cockscomb-  
tinted buttons, dahlias,  
sea-urchins, and everlastings,  
it perches on the branching foam  
of polished sculptured  
flowers—at ease and tall. The king is dead.