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M A D I S O N

Four hundred acres is a farm
and the united states department of agriculture
cows and bovines were
[they]
the same six hundred kilograms bread surgically
meat and poultry and corn is a social vegetable
soy burger king veggie burgers chipotle veggie burritos pork fried rice
taco time veggie burritos sunflower seeds
stock market bellies
there once was a trout farm pescatarian fish friday tartar
raw
four hundred acres of pond is a trout farm salmon eggs tourism
a tractor a john deere tractor air conditioned lifetime tractor like
a wife and different stereo global positioning system three year wait
the nine hundred yard assembly line manufacturing facility
worldwide and the antique in
the third of three big barns near the silo [yet]
colored red colored green
the steel wheels and sand drag steel flaps mud flaps currency at
the co-op is conversation
dick with jane on his lap rode the self moving vehicle
turning the knobbed steering wheel
the chicken coop was empty
the cucumbers were long too long
the cannery nearby
a fence for the neighbors a fence for the livestock
the pork smell expected nor the dairy smell
how romantic is pastoralism it is
january a blown snow [then] and turned soil inna time
four hundred acres is a farm
the barn cat eats the mice leaves them on the hearth the stoop
the barn dog I am not familiar with
the poodle of the farmer's wife the grocery getter
gender roles because
fifty pound sacks require and
sundown
I have walked in a tall cornfield with cobwebs
I have kissed a four hundred acre farm sharecropper
and the family farm were [it] sold
and the family farm
the original name

Fiveway intersection

country road
fiveway stop signs
sometimes the drivers do not stop
is why there are deaths on prom night
no street lights
fifty five mile per hour
no street lights
just gets dark
people forget the roadsigns they know are there and
flat
when it is dark
barbed wire flat even in the winter
flat snowdrift flat
someone takes their twenty two from half mile away
target practice
the stop signs
holes all over
someone traveling fifty five miles an hour to the intersection without
thought of stopping
another vehicle takes their start from their stop sign and broadsided by
the fifty five mile an hour driver
tragic
once heard one of the crashes from over the hill
a skid and
metal on metal collision
[silence eventual] [just like the wind was] [silence]
fifty five miles an hour
originally reason for starred crossroads
[travel]
no general store though no sign saying which way what
barbed wire at all the angles
skids on the pavement
open sky and horizon and there are seasons

The windmill
were scattered the hill
east of the bay
the wind
from
and constant like
the place of the kite surfers on the river
consistent wind
reliable wind

I once parked my vehicle near a windmill
the modern windmill among many
windmills
a loud sound I can appreciate for
ecological reasons

the dissipation of noise is no harm and
what I am used to is only
a bother to [them]

water movement
geothermal
solar

corn grows around
grass grows around
lights light

the romantic windmill of old brought
water to the surface

the romantic windmill
the grain

open land

wind is reliable is not wind reliable

[sustainable
[and there used to be four propellers is
[a matter of aerodynamics

Cryptic
were the god sent the species
permanent

for I cannot rely on the impermanent
for I cannot rely on the invisible
nor I to want for having not eaten

the chimera is inedible

the shapeshifter is inedible

and
[I] already have her

Atween the fish and the cat

the surface of the water

aesop the characterization of animals and I

am not aware the thought

the fish

the cat

and for behavior neither to be of fear

I once poked a bird's nest with a stick to see

[is] [curious]

Brook

from the grass gathered

pooled

the diametered roundness and watercress

a waterspider

stillness and for the nonsound trickle

the gentle hill and

down again

one more pool

the diametered roundness and watercress

a waterspider

atop a water's surface [meniscus] and the waterspider's feet remain dry

a reeds

a cattails again covered

grass to the lake the lake's edge

were fresh

water

and clear enough to consume with one's hands upon

one's knees

The portable exorcism kit

1]

fresh linen to cover a table as to be seen by the 'to be exorcised'

- a)
onwhich a glass of water a spoon
- b)
the communion cloth
- c)
the (portable) all in one crucifix with the hidden compartment

[c]

the (portable) all in one crucifix with
the hidden compartment inwhich

- 1)
two sacred candles
- 2)
bottle filled with holy water
- 3)
cotton balls
- 4)
official directions

therewere a call from the 'to be exorcised'

therewere a decision by an appropriate authority in regards to
necessary exorcism

the 'to be exorcised' are contacted and instructed to
meet the priest at the door with lighted candle at
their front door to conduct the priest to the exorcism room

additionally to have a small plate containing crumbs of bread

atwhichtime the priest will exorcise the 'to be exorcised'
in accordance with the list outlined in the aforementioned
portable exorcism kit

The concubine

answer

and voznesensky the russian immigrant mentioned
when

the whores went on strike

to say one

to say the collective

-

a difference atween one who sells a material commodity

a difference atween one who sells a physical portion of themself in real
material or labor

a difference atween a collective who sell a material commodity

a difference atween a collective who sell a physical portion of themselves
in real material or labor

-

nor a question of the retention of power is

service

and we have no agreement

and I am no reporter just letting you know

Avols bookstore

the isthmus

one hundred feet above lake mendota

one hundred feet above lake monona

were a poetry place two thousand through two thousand ten
[reading atrium comfortably folding chairs for
thirty podium standing room]

one mile away

helen c white hall inwhich form

so there walt whitman mentioned by faculty

eighteen eighty one were my first of walt whitman's
after the civil war [when]
henry david thoreau were pondering cape cod

so much can be said of tractors
and tractors are not bicycles and
so much can be said of tractors

were the bronze woman with the scythe impressionably to
whack the wheat
were the sears roebuck catalog with the sixteen week
mail order washing machine
were the boy and his father posting wood into the ground
about the property
were the child in dress and her father with horse nearby
and the carbonated beverage
were the seedstore man talkative it is the start of the season
were the sharpening of the blade of the plow
the sound of the sharpening of the blade of the plow
the anvil and the long file the plow's last season condition
the trainstop a peoples gathering entering the train
the train moves to the west

time is history
decisions among as notable
social as policy in some formed agreement

and there were another interest the beat poets
and there were another interest the aesthetes inclusive of
the ekphrastics
and there were another interest the social persuaders
the social dissuaders [thus]

[five minutes]
were bookstore poetry were library poetry

Tall grass

stands when the springtime laid down in winter all of the pastoralisms
laid down
when the end of autumn therewere a sanctioned burn
a tall grass is burned to black for fertile next year's grass
were springtime then a grass does stand

wildflowers I can be
narrative
for appreciation I can be narrative

lepidoptera is a butterfly among
a smaller creatures rabbit

the moth is no butterfly
the moth comes at night nocturnal swarms about
light
and there is no light in nature though natural

the camp the stovelight the moth

the scientist could make much of camplight moths
I have seen a camplight moth fly into a flame
[presumably] a flame is unnatural to the moth knowing no better

the butterfly and the moth are entemological insectae vary phylogenically

the luna moth lay dead at a stoop
ambient green five inches long body quite impressive lay dead

and the specimen frame with the chlorohydrated crypted kingdom phylum
genus species [...] among a similar is good wall art were the frame proper
like walnut and font and location

o to notice

and to barter a sentiment of slowcooking the fieldrabbitt from the live
trap

the humane ending of the live trap rabbit is or is not a brief ice pick
and the humane ending of the live trap raccoon for the coonskin cap with
tail is drowning for the lake is near and the entire trap is submersible

Whether certainty

whether the world existed before I was born

whether the world will exist after I die

whether I care

the world did not exist before I was born

the world will not exist after I die

I once was instructed to read a journal article by nel noddings

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I once asked what 'panacaea' meant

I once was instructed to read a chapter by emile durkheim

jack kerouac was no disclaimer and

had exact instructions on how to end one's life

were one so inclined

© 1955 Mexico city blues inwhich

the painlessness of gaseous inhalation is described in

ten pages of literature

caring takes a variety of forms

whether certainty

robin williams is commonly known as a comedic actor

many of his will known comedic roles can be rather serious

however

robin williams took his own life by hanging if I am not mistaken

whether the world stopped when robin williams ended his own life

I say the world did not stop when robin williams ended his own life

the world existed before robin williams was born [possibly]

as robin williams is a generation older than I am and

the world started in nineteen seventy

other notable models include virginia woolf brought again famous by

author michael cunningham

a drowning was her own demise in the academy award winning movie upon

the pulitzer prize winning book

I prefer michael cunningham's specimen days of the borrowed title of walt

whitman

curriculum is not the disclaimer in the syllabus

No spirituality in land power

government controlled religion

pork suckling in the mississippi river water area bemidji to new orleans

[the mother is suckled] [the piglet suckles the sow]

[swine]

to market to market the smell of profit [next to the dairy farm]

what can be said of the cuteness of pigs afore they grow in an orwellian manner

1] pigs are pink and five pounds

2] pigs scurry

3] ten pigs suckle at once

4] some pigs have brown blotchy spots

on the wallowing of pigs

were a nice summer's day

hot too hot for to keep cool a pile of mud

[nor pigs sweat]

and the rodeo a children tie a ribbon on 'the let loose pig' [a goat on occasion] though a children tie a ribbon on the tail of 'the let loose pig' where the barrel riders ride

there were a blight which is an act of god in ireland

a lords demanded rent regardless of a molded potatoes

a potato can be cut into as many parts as there are eyes of the potato to

seed a new crop [every eye is a seed] [were a book for citation of

migrations]

on migratory wealth were other than land ownership andwere

land threatened andwere land potency of threat from otherhood

land were not owned

andwere religion spiritual and

religion is not defensive and [I shall] [make another rule]

andwere conscience

to claim to claim for reason

andwere politics the ends of divinity

what are morals

[morals in process]

[morals in telos]

were social process politics [thus] the ends of divinity

I most frequently vote democrat including school board

No clouds here

the flickering light
[curious]

there is a matter to power
there are sunbursts

one hundred watt incandescent bywhich
literature
[the other room]

candle

sugar into a flame is a smell
coffee creamer powder into a flame is a magician's prop

and tallow blackens a walls

a good thirty five hour candle will burn fifty five hours

and it rained this morning

Impromptu mythology

the eagle with golden feathers forty feet long filled with
a person
eagles are predatorial and
the cow is only small
[hole-stine]
nests upon the highest hill a clearing a trees for sight
removed

there is another
creature the reptile will stand upon haunches fifty feet into
the air

the opposite side of the river is a bound and
a river fish is too small to eat and
the bottomfeeding sixty foot long catfish nor seen
scavenger
six foot spiny mustache
to feel
an occasional light pierces
a wet surface

the lizard sleeps underground and cold blooded dormant in winter
and the catfish

and to say great creatures only is to say
'notable'

the catfish knows no other great creature
the eagle could defeat the lizard
the lizard would not taste good and the lizard stays on its side of
the river

and the near municipality with
cowfences

expects

the budgeted fifty three cows per annum to be removed as the eagle is
hungry

I have never met a trader of people

been told major league athletes are traded regarding
united states currency
could be said a professional contract is an agreement between
one with united states currency and a labor individual
an agreement between two individuals is an expectation
of work performance in relation to united states currency compensation
the promise of united states currency is an expectation
before a work is performed that united states currency will be
paper checked upon work's completion [payed in full]

there were individuals owned prior to the civil war

people owned may have been considered chattel like livestock

whether an husband owns his wife
whether an husband owns his wife's property

I have never met a trader of people

I have never met an individual who owns a legal document
with regards to purchase in united states currency of another individual

I have never met a trader of people

There is a place a someone dreams of though never plans on going

at the double twelve domino table one mentions
'I have never been to paris'

the twelve inch by twelve inch charcoal sketch of notre dame cathedral
near the kitchen modestly framed

four players get together monthly for double twelve dominos
bones is old news

'I went camping last summer'
and silence during game play

dominos make a sound

someone went out
a bones are stirred

someone went out
a bones are stirred

'I will show you to your coats on the rack'

'see you next third tuesday'

The outcome[s] of pagan doldrum

1] drug interactions

were doldrum boredom

were a doldric state a pause for experimental method

the difference between doldrum and boredom

connotative

doldrum when it rains the rain is cause

boredom may or may not be a ponderance of possibility

herbalism

the garden is no escape nor

the errant nature about the garden and

the birdfeeder

to say doldrum is to say dwelling

preferable to say boredom the day what does come

nor of boredom and

a patience were no environmental demand

and fossil fuel the pagan I am not aware of

what is flammable natural is fossil fuel

I have slept in a bus called bed folds down camper

I have never lived in a bus whether

the bus is capably mobile or no

nor tent

a treehouse to prefer with level boards

no less than

thirty feet above arboreality and the view

cause for

distraction

after breakfast so

there is no outcome of pagan doldrum called boredom

excepting

the invention of glass for optics

The qualm

man and woman qualm

[]

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

each ordered an entire sandwich for lunch

1.a. there will be no lawyering of sandwiches at lunch

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

[it] is your turn to pick the movie

1.b. there will be an alternation of movie pickers [i.e. every other]

A. and you cannot have any of my raisonettes

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

homemakers are held in esteem

1.c. the nonhomemaker shall bring home the bacon

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

bikini beach and the carwashing neighbor are or are not physically appreciable

1.d. the ogling of others is to be held to parameters

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

in an interest of foundations the sabbath is to be held holy

1.e. and spiritual and physical church recognition and attendance

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

were politics the ends of spirituality were politics spiritual

1.f. aristotle too wrote of poetics

the grievance were agreeable [thus]

that a foundational positions exist as to flat and round earth with varied teleologies each

1.g. that gravity exist

Whether to wear flannel

the old man to himself
rain today

[I am] no shuffler of fires

there are botanical species require fires to open their seedpods

left to burn
there is no civilization

in nature [lightning] dryness conditions wind

there is civilization
kept warm ate cooked meat with flint and steel

starting fires putting out fires

were it in the interest of boredom
were it in the interest of common good [were it in the interest of
boredom]
and public relations
and experimental interactions

the celebrated professor joined the national collegiate athletic
association

the dialogic talked from his right hand to his left hand and answered
himself

and there were no podium
and there were no audience
and there were no music playing

the residue of experience

and the celebrated professor with foundations
carried

a natural fire

and metaphoric conceptualism for one to observe a celebrated professor
join the national collegiate athletic association

Spaghetti westerns and podunkton

the walking of one's horse
miles
high desert
high plains
snow in the air
horizon

podunkton on the horizon

the saloon
the tied horse with horned saddle
the duster for the weather
holster guns aneath
a warming
stetson yet

and the inn upstairs bed

day or two

Are you operatic

sopranic
I guess and
black
about your form
operatic

Locus

what do I control

I can lift a writing instrument

write a [thing]

[were my authority]

and were my audience without having their arms twisted

to say 'I can' affect policy is before policy telos related to

[thing] is

measurably complete

what do I control

that a flower pot with little white flowers exist in front of

my summertime front door

[is]

and I have not tried chicory

grows naturally in the area

the roots are dried and coffeeed into coffee

I control

a search for chicory in a nearby meadow

the drying

the boiling of water

the vote is easy

one can plan to vote

voting may be arbitrary and to wear the 'I voted' sticker

is a measure of pride to those who see the 'I voted' sticker upon

one's lapel

were church were grammar to say I plan for sunday

were library were grammar to say

[research]

[is a physical building]

and were policy upon experience [I have an idea] is

[an effort]

The silence of rain

and a bird to mark completion

a wetted walk to the mailbox

there were a letter from

the federal government

the general election in november

a subway sandwich coupon

free dozen eggs at the grocer with fifty dollars purchase

barefoot

The title of qualification the title of the novel

[decided]

and the novel is written

were induction I cannot decide to say

a title begins a story

were deduction from

I cannot decide to say a title begins a story

the elevation

the story of the protagonist is

a comedy

and I cannot laugh for the mystery

[clever]

[why I read]

and I have no question for the next chapter

is

the poem the novel were

ernest hemingway to regard the title of the poem

novel

denouement

resolution

and there is no comedic thought to the protagonist and

third person only

describes an environment

and there is no audience to

the novelist as journal-ist

an objectivity to convincing legislation is 'reason'

is not an objectivity to convincing a legislator

a [vote] as lobbied

and the quantitation as objectivity difficult to

disregard

objectivity when

science is mentioned

the article also title before the final draft

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Vocational discipline

timekeeping

nor a parcel of necessity were self actual

morbidity

and how a dog in verona dies called swine because

they said so

why are you in madison

I do not give a fuck about verona and do not say so for others and

I do not speak in twos

and the epic worldwide medical records

twenty five thousand miles circumference around the equator of the earth

is in your

neighborhood

not mine

timekeeping

there exist affirmative action saints

there exist civil rights / godly entitlement saints

there exist scholar saints

saints are proactive with initiative

cause cause

and were two miracles in a lifetime for a pope to approve as saint

timekeeping

and were ministry

'life's pursuit'

publishing were a vocation publishing were a ministry

and niche

there are segments to culture

there are periods there are generations

there are neighborhoods

and anthropology is an academic discipline and how

[conveyance] is attention the intended audience

19

opening night
shuffle shuffle in a line ticket
raisonnettes standard california raisins milk chocolate
raisonnettes done before the opening credits

the island at the top of the world
the other theater _snow white and the seven dwarfs_

who is hg wells

there is an island at the top of the world
inwhich
a flying boat with sails takes
gypsies

geothermal power is fascinating and
the clouds resemble desert clouds in the movie

-

were there a need for governance in utopia
[what is scientology]
I have a broad conception of 'nature'

-

the flying plane attracted the woman

like security
the flying plane attracted the woman

-

had I forgotten casual waitress dining before

concentration is important
I once made out during a movie and
concentration is important

movie selection is important regarding interest

I had an idea
of
the clouds thousands
of heights into the air
above and
when there is no light to see

before I read the book

I had assumed
[thus]
and she agreed

before I read the book

[the book of the clouds]
is a name for every cloud

and like the stars were constellations

and like to say
upon our backs at picnic
[the cloud] [the dragon] [the cloud] [the fish]
and pointing the next and

to fall asleep
afore I read the book

and like the clouds were constellations

the difference atween appreciation and categorical appreciation and
appreciation of categories [is]

and there is a blanket another
to fall asleep atween

until sundown

[the chill]

The library

fluorescent sound

basement study

carrel

buzz

eleven pm

fluorescence lights

flick

off on

the library locks

[five minutes]

Empty time

were death

I imagine

purgatorio

the vacuous and

the memory of material nor material actual

I diction

[connote]

I invent limbo and for having invented limbo I

invent

original sin

describe inaction

nor celebrate a centers to

nor cause and genesis

the biblical like

folklore like

emergence

and [it] is humble to be without control

I do not know

I am small as what is smaller than

I

it is summer [exactly] [june twenty]

to ponder death

what license is to say

the buried

and for my own consolation

there is no sound near to a stone and

for the wind

the bird anywhere

what license I claim to believe what I assume