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PRITY LIGHTS

**I**ndifference is

because of a retreat  
from searching

Indifference is the day  
let away  
for there is no control

The wind continues  
I have no control for

Nor their watch  
I have no control for

Inside of a lens  
I am explained

Indifference is  
defeat  
and were there no control

What does continue  
in my absence  
is an assumption

I am not certain  
there is a world  
without my presence

But forward assume  
into the only way  
for this is what I know

And were there  
cursory observations I say  
I am not limited in  
what I learn

Though what is no sense  
[but reason]  
is cause as well

For it is assumed  
the sun will rise again  
after the stars are completed

And the seasons  
and what is away from  
my control that I have seen

And to assume

And to assume  
that a planted garden  
will come

There are conditions  
which are my own

And to assume  
an effort at friendship is  
cause for the same returned

And this is learning  
the conditions I follow I put

Separated from  
that for which there is no control

I add to the surface  
of being  
I cause

And were it all contained  
in a glass

It is my effort that is  
capsuled  
limited

And I can only see  
what is away  
and I have no effect to  
the stellar objects  
the stellar ways

Though were I to learn  
from that which is out of reach

Call control and orbit  
to that which surrounds me

I mention I am a small  
element  
among the unbounded  
and immovable

And I am to respond  
as every sentient creature  
knows

Life is without a frame  
and were I grateful  
indeed

Because

The origins of the wind  
and how water rises  
from the earth  
causes rivers

I do not know though  
assume  
like the acceptance of  
life

Nor nature as life  
will present itself  
all at once

Nor do I require understanding  
to live among  
ask questions

Upon the volatile  
the changing



I am grown to consider  
what does grow

And an adaptation  
closer to nature by  
every day

And assume nature moves  
in casual steps [causal steps]  
and even the greatest  
storms are expected

I live among

Origins

Every day is an origin  
every day begins  
my new posture

I assume

And call it learning  
in the context of freedom

My actions are answer  
to the clouds  
to the season

And assume the other  
peoples the same  
[for I cannot know for certain]  
that their watch  
be as mine  
that their answer  
be as mine

Nor I am reluctant to see  
to witness  
the hardest of conditions  
wicked winter  
and live among  
for preparedness

Assume the moon  
assume the tides  
the rain and how it gives  
assume life will replace  
    itself  
when it is done  
assume the light daylight  
assume the imagination  
    too will come for newness

And footprints evidence  
for when I am done  
[they too shall know]

And assume the stars  
are not too distant  
and I name a constellation  
for her strength

And assume a legacy  
of folklore of tales will be  
the balance of futures

The air is thick  
I question the rain  
I question the season

I know cause  
as having lived through cause  
and expect the same

And social conditions  
the grab of strength  
when there are limits  
the turn to security  
amid uncertainty

And social conditions  
to plant an idea  
to foster an idea  
assuming an environment

There is a locus of control  
authority for the manageable  
take notice the moveable

I do not believe all people  
are the same  
nor similarly conditioned

I do not believe strength  
is similarly intoned  
one person unto the next

Nor desire  
as an interest of one  
will not prove an interest of another

Nor I believe one faith is  
for another necessarily  
as nature is separation  
to experience

I do not believe there is  
a litmus for beauty  
for what is mine  
may not be theirs

And to question the sorts  
for relative reason  
shall I retain a communication  
with that which is different

Assume a nations  
an official boundary to social life  
and a remaindered earth  
I cannot expect a particular  
character

[The missions go]  
[and return]  
[and go again]

And to believe that  
a social relativity is our strength  
to trust in the force[s]  
of nature  
of the varieties of place  
then  
how to be certain

And what is universally certain  
when all are conditioned  
in accord with their own place

[Need I require universal certainty]  
[what it is I seek]

Brings about conceptions of God  
nature  
astronomy

Though were thought as large  
as the physical universe  
doubtful  
for knowledge of every known place  
is to the limits of sense  
though invention  
is another cause for largeness  
and an escape from natural  
where nature is fused with nature  
as to my imagination  
do I not create

And a separation it were  
upon an imagination  
where the aspects of nature  
are rearranged  
fused  
and called nature no more

Though were a beaver's dam nature  
though were a bird's nest nature  
though were a dolphin's language nature  
ask were the varieties of  
natural creation  
inclusive of my own  
    buildings  
    automobiles  
    invention  
then say yes  
man is natural

And the consumption of resources  
natural  
if



And the term domestic  
for man is his order  
unto himself  
unto history  
and compared with  
the domestic creatures of  
livestock  
housepets  
and that which can be tamed  
man is domestic  
unto his own ideas  
and those of fellows  
including money civil money

And an ecosystem  
inwhich he thrives  
though take notice of limits  
and take responsibility  
for an expanding territory  
an encroaching territory  
unto what is required of  
our own symbionts

And the comfort of science  
[scientists]  
and the order of poetry  
[poet]  
for optimism among limits

It is a collective concern  
the world is small  
and populated  
and his own confidence is  
that a resources will continue  
and we are not so  
dependent upon every species  
though an ecosystem is

And the invention of sin  
in the interest of sustainability

And the observational note  
that a conditioning is  
upon an absence of  
the necessary

A confidence that  
we do continue  
in our reckless ways  
until recklessness is expelled  
naturally

And assume nature  
cannot be corrupted

Were there no species  
no life  
it is still nature  
though completed and dead

[Whether it returns]

Man is not so simple  
as to allow his own demise  
[ask of time]  
assume man is not so simple  
as to want for giant-  
ness

Assume the spark of being  
is a spark of learning

That truth is  
what exists for the  
greatest continuation the  
greatest adaptation  
were the world as environment  
changing ever  
but it is not

It is our relationships  
among other people which  
are the objects of adaptation  
the push to enterprise  
and remain competitive if  
we indeed are  
naturally selected for futures

Assume the most adapted  
[for what]

And the types  
for relativity is our social strength

There is no defeat to  
what approaches strength  
the suffered are merely  
left to their own

Though goodwill  
to assume a knowledge of  
suffering  
and to see its demise  
is a call to  
an observation of potential

And what is motivation  
in the easement of struggle  
and does it matter  
yes

For there is a difference  
in philanthropy for profit and  
philanthropy for  
the good of mankind  
[anonymous]

Assume a carriage of goodwill is  
without source  
[anonymous]  
for that which is conducted  
with label and origin is  
corporate  
and what corporation will not  
move to its own continuation  
even upon  
the social manufacture of  
interest and resolution  
to problem

Assume a carriage of goodwill is  
anonymous  
and will not advance itself

And what of action which  
solves  
for profit  
    [and were they to start a war]  
    [only they could finish]

Liberalism and theology  
[ask of direction]

And assume the spirit of  
generosity  
is singly offered and  
with no reward  
[though what does an offering  
do to the giver]  
[and were generosity  
its own reward]  
[is it selfish to offer  
for want of reward  
in any regard]

And the idea of assistance  
but I live alone  
and to  
laws of independent economics  
[is not suffering mine own]  
[then]

The argument that all is nature  
assumes  
one is a part of an ecosystem  
and competitive  
[question]  
to what ends to embrace  
a competitive spirit

But there were no thought  
at all  
[nor doubt]  
to live rightfully  
in one's own station  
and without consideration  
and I am then animal



For not to be among  
a greater concern for being  
and an embrace  
to the self alone  
[and do I count]  
[spend my days counting]

As social spheres I am not of  
are contributory to  
walls  
[because of the selfist]

Were it not the selfist  
which gathered their  
collective attention  
and they too become  
animal  
[cooperative]  
[and counting]

And without cooperative value  
for beauty  
corporate beauty  
commissioned beauty  
[they start slowly but grow]  
[into what is fulfillment]  
and assume an administration  
and assume there are those  
who say beauty because  
they are introduced  
by someone public

And this is nature now  
[were it ever gone]

Assume nature is  
because there were someone  
to call it such  
likewise beauty exists  
because of my notice  
because I choose to call beauty  
by name

And were there concepts  
were there no language

What good are concepts  
excepting for language

He heard the word God  
and thought in a way

The value of conceptual formation is  
advanced learning  
the like of application  
the conjoinment of principle  
after it has been  
aspected and separated

An idea is put together  
from the strains  
the parts  
and it is nature and new  
because I call it nature  
and it is beauty if I regard

And assume a contradiction  
to my social ways  
for there are those  
differently living and  
when all is socially separated  
is to assume  
each go about there own  
and governance then  
were it consensus how  
were each to stand  
only with their own opinion

But the force of action  
the idea of action  
brings measure to production  
for were they to think differently  
and speak differently  
but there were a single way  
which yields a  
continuation  
[argument]

Though it is not action  
nor the garden at the  
thought of the garden  
but to say  
the germ of possibility is  
first considered

And them to have considered  
an outward social diaspora  
like manifest destiny  
[but they separate willfully]  
and to have memorized  
determination to set oneself apart  
[were determination an act of memory]  
say they [they]  
are no hindrance  
to my own possibility  
my own acts  
were there democratic language  
loud and  
uniform

And resolved to act  
with though secure and rested  
assume the mind enters  
absentia  
for the course of action  
willfully travels in silence

So too poetry  
and the published effort  
is an effort transcended from  
thought  
[there is no more thought  
to the completed poem]  
[but consideration]  
[further consideration]

And the house  
is an effort transcended from thought  
and the engine  
and the kite  
and the dam  
and the bicycle

What dare we think  
what dare we act

And further separated from nature  
when

The utilization of tools  
of resources  
nature is remade  
reconsidered  
by the poet  
land is changed land is adapted  
animals are put to work and  
them without independent thought  
are put to work

But the idea of one place  
is not the idea of another place  
and assume thought is  
geographically entertained  
so too then  
action

Need an assumption  
be mentioned be thought aloud

By one's middle age  
a fundamentals are completed  
and advanced learning then  
an assumptions upon assumptions

And to say that  
which contradicts  
understanding and certainty  
is negative  
though knowledge still

And I build no constructs  
of information for  
that which riddles confidence  
but know it exists  
and those who cannot escape  
such a way  
are staggered and suffered  
to inescapably live among wrongness



So say I  
my confidence in my own is  
such a belief that  
the alternative is wickedry and  
short sighted

As if to believe social acts  
were a game of legacy  
perhaps true that  
them fitted and fitting  
themselves for social order  
sustainably are  
them to advance

And were they a hindrance  
to others  
then say wickedry  
for interference  
as well the development of  
defensive social systems  
including  
engines of war

The winds do start  
the winds do cause  
the initiates of nature  
are cause for my adaptation  
and I have no control for

And word is when they gather  
arranging harmonies  
fitting language

For they travel together  
in concert  
with what is given

And the weather  
the spells  
it were a hard year written  
taken into consideration  
and made into  
my efforts  
[but I resemble]

Assume the shape of my actions  
is  
philosophy  
and its appearance  
and need I say poetry  
to resemble what is written

Assume nature is unmoved  
and is no audience  
[I have no assumption for prayer]  
and were I to write for myself  
say mine is a catalog  
say mine is a register

And were I to say reference  
to words to memory  
[no]  
reference is the unmoved  
and were it prayer  
but to myself  
I know

And the essential  
assume the essential  
but what is not essential  
for every leaf  
every blade of grass  
every cloud  
every fish  
every flower  
every wind is essential  
and every word  
every poem  
every song is essential

But what is not essential  
the enemy of notice is not essential  
indifference is not essential

[Though the pantheisms of existence]  
[continue with or without]  
[my notice]  
[do they not]

Indifference is  
because of a retreat from  
searching  
to be satisfied  
enough  
[and language is gone]

And I call indifference at  
all the parcels  
all the aspects  
for I no longer have control  
[I no longer bring the stars]  
[they are with or without me]  
[and the clouds]  
[the flowers]

Nor is it psychological depression  
to say I have no control  
for anything  
but to respect my own smallness  
like humility

Though assume an effort  
to the advance of  
one's condition

To rest quietly and comfortably  
and call it learning is  
irresponsible  
for what happens away  
requires an engagement

And what is fulfillment

When the soul is opened  
spread to the outer reaches  
for engagement

And assume what interferes  
is a parcel of such  
a spanned surroundings

I notice what I had not  
considered

And what is presently indifference  
[were the seeds of interest  
planted]  
tomorrow is another  
another social position

And to make law  
of the outward enterprise of being  
of notice  
law of sense  
and application is mastery  
call education for experience

And what cannot be taught  
like conscience  
brought about and  
continuing in development  
every day I see their exchange  
and know rightness and know fairness  
and were beauty a part of  
I see nature  
I call beauty beauty

The cost of learning  
is my attention

And what effect to questions  
were I to assume interest

And call knowledge  
as confidence  
to the divine  
to the allusions of  
certainty

And the faculties  
one is more certain than  
another  
for physics a physical perspective  
than metaphysics  
the social discern of  
circumstance  
is philosophy  
is public opinion frequently  
[is it not]



The question of way  
for every day I  
lead forward into time  
carrying the memories of  
yesterday  
and call philosophy at  
what is proven  
[utility]

The question of way  
call life at becoming

And know the seasons  
the stars  
and sunrise  
and know the social sways  
across time

The question of way  
is a question of being  
again and again  
among a constant

And assume a life [lives]  
are present  
for a fertile environment

And were it struggle  
to know the rewards of  
what is required

Say the adaptations are  
not completed  
for there is still struggle

And nature's challenge of  
re-creation  
in my own interest  
and were the same challenge  
acknowledged by all peoples  
that individualism prevail

Individualism is the spark of  
collective effort

And what finds its way  
unto social concern is  
the individual realizing  
a social circle and  
believing a healthy  
sociological order is to  
an individual advantage

Call it peace call it prosperity  
were it assumed  
a way of a social sphere  
supports individualism

The question of higher significance  
individualism or socialism  
I say individualism  
for it is my own estimation  
of all  
of God and order and effort  
that empowers my action and thought  
that empowers my social interaction  
next

Assume the winter  
when the sun is low  
will

Assume the darkened sky  
the clouds from where the wind  
will

Assume they gather  
for their numbers are greater  
than the ones

They answer the weather  
in ritual and ceremony  
in offerings  
they answer the season

And were I to assume social order  
do as has been done  
I too offer

Assume a divine conscience  
to offering  
assume the existence of  
divine authority  
assume divinity

Assume struggle is part of  
the human condition  
the competing others  
and were I competitive for  
the agency of ease  
assume suffering is made small  
in learning  
assume struggle is made small  
in learning

Assume the character  
of my place  
[experience]

Assume the waters  
come to the ocean  
and return again in rain

Assume invention is part  
of living in an environment  
and struggle is put away

Assume invention is brought  
from an individual  
brought to social spheres  
[claimed] [patented]

Assume obligation is to oneself  
then others  
for individualism is  
the spark of social thought  
social practice

Assume security  
assume shelter  
assume a harvest

Assume there are rules  
do I not invent rules  
like ritual

Assume there are patterns  
do I not invent patterns  
like ritual  
like invention

Assume beauty is notice  
I put the beautiful into  
a golden box  
a conceptual golden box  
[bracket]

Assume my own aesthetics  
are my own judgment  
even were they presented  
from social form  
my own aesthetics  
are my own judgment  
[and reform]

Assume teaching  
that a social envelope exist  
inwhich leadership  
the reformation of experience  
inwhich  
the reformation of language

Reform is a glance at the old  
and a carriage of importance  
[that history not be neglected]

Assume teaching  
the kibitz of experience  
with a perspective of history  
[they form a school]

Assume teaching  
is reformation  
is acceleration  
is indoctrination  
is separation  
is social



Assume the universe is malleable  
assume an environment can be changed  
[shaped]  
assume a universe can be registered  
[poetry]  
[poetics]

And the start of poetry is  
nature  
called nature

Language is invention  
assume the universe is malleable  
and what is first observed is  
first spoken first considered  
before trust in natural law  
before tools

Assume invention  
because words fit together  
in a way

Assume life  
and call language at all

And call restoration at  
what nature riddles  
that philosophy is adaptation  
closer and closer to  
understanding  
[x]

Assume a restoration cannot be  
realized  
were its original never  
realized  
[why]

Nor fear the new  
[fear the new]  
assume fear  
I hold fear close  
and ask it questions

Assume a dynamic universe  
all that I know  
all that I do not know  
affects  
is effected

And what will not move  
what is not effected  
but only affects  
for its presence

The sun is not effected  
while I do my day

Celestialisms are not effected  
but by other celestialisms

The moon is not effected  
while I do my day

But by the sun indeed  
I have not learned to move

I assume light  
and in the darkness I assume light  
I assume cause  
I assume reason

I assume one which will not move  
one with an imagination

I assume the force of orbit  
the force of light  
of life

I am small  
and considered among the small  
mortal  
I assume biological legacy  
and continue

I assume change  
I adapt  
I invent change  
I assume change

I assume a door  
through which a manner is invented  
call civility  
I invent cities  
I assume a city  
[do they not talk]  
I assume a door like change  
I invent learning  
I lead myself  
listen to them who speak  
and the wind  
I assume a lesson  
and a cost like effort and time  
I assume a social standard  
and ask it questions  
I assume a geography  
shapes a city  
[do they not talk]  
I assume the words are spelled  
[and the linguists gather]  
[and the mathematicians]

I assume trust in my assumptions  
and were doubt introduced

I assume science  
and to copy invention creation

I assume art

I assume art of art

I assume spectacle I know spectacle

I assume deliberation and intent

I assume friendship

I assume darkness

[I invent a star]

[I invent a book]

[I invent a standard]

[I invent a lesson]

[I invent discern]

[I invent intervals]

[I invent structure]

I assume structure

[Nor did I invent war] [conflict]

[but there were two of me]

I assume the several parts of myself

I assume prosperity  
I repeat prosperity  
like the cycles of season I repeat prosperity

I assume habit  
I assume separation I assume divorce  
I assume individualism  
requires no call requires a call  
I assume independence  
is first referenced from dependence  
I assume habit I assume ritual  
and what turns against  
social systems for insight  
I assume revolution  
the turns until accord  
I assume social revolution  
again and again  
until it is made small like nature  
I assume habit I assume revolution  
[for an opinion and an act]  
[like theory]  
[anew is absorbed]  
[do I not grow]

Assume a collaboration  
of the self  
the many faculties in concert  
and an outward reach  
from the published senses  
unto what is remarkable

The remarkable sky  
nor wind to push  
the autumn leaves down yet  
[I remember]

The remarkable enterprise of  
social constitution  
[I remember social history]  
[and the combustible act of want]

The remarkable style of my own  
I age in a way  
with the affliction of memory  
with the affection of memory



I assume nothing  
and say I assume nothing  
[I try many ways]  
[and wonder at what does]  
[find its way into my own]

I assume the nothing birds  
I assume the nothing light of night  
    reflected  
I assume the nothing courage  
I assume the nothing poetry  
I assume the nothing music  
I assume the nothing philosophy  
I assume the nothing cathedral  
I assume the nothing modernity  
I assume the nothing word  
I assume the nothing nature  
I assume the nothing beauty  
I assume the nothing concept  
I assume the nothing history

Nothing is easily forgotten  
nothing is automatic

Nothing is nothing  
I have language for nothing  
automatic language  
automatic poems  
I assume the automatic  
I assume circles  
I assume geometry  
I assume the nothing geometry  
which affects  
which bends with the tides  
with the moon  
the nothing moon I assume  
the desert  
I assume the frozen lake  
I assume law of winter  
I assume law  
I assume contest the nothing contest  
nothing is nothing  
I assume nothing

The automatic  
continuation is automatic  
there are arrows which never end  
there is a calendar which never ends  
there is a light which repeats itself  
there is a clock which repeats itself  
continuation is automatic  
service is automatic  
I assume the automatic  
the automatic pleasure  
the automatic existence  
legacy is automatic  
everything is record  
everything is score to concert

And I need not walk slowly  
nor say suffering is  
the human condition

Nothing is automatic  
nothing is automatic  
I call names at nothing and they go away

I comment the wind  
it is nearly autumn  
nor the leaves have nearly changed  
fallen  
as they have for all of time  
through last year  
I am confident  
it is time again it is time again  
I comment the sky  
for nothing is so permanent as

I too am permanent  
I comment language  
when no one is listening  
I comment death  
and death does not exist  
I comment order  
and order requires no thought  
I comment love  
again and again like poetry  
and love does not exist  
again and again

And assume what I am already  
nothing can be taken  
nor given

And what I am among change  
and what I am across time  
I am the same

[Need I know]  
[the shape of my own]  
[in entirety]  
[I assume I know the shape of my own]  
[and tomorrow I will know it differently]  
[and what is consistent]  
[need I know]  
[I assume memory]  
[and give it a name]

I assume recollection  
I assume the way I was  
is yet

I assume the tines of experience  
connect one to the next  
I assume one poem is  
lined with the last

I assume a breath  
is now mine

Nor all is material  
I assume the connections of thought  
I assume understanding  
I assume questions

I assume what is essential  
[make fetishes of what is essential]

I assume gratitude  
[make a fetish of gratitude]

[And give it away]

