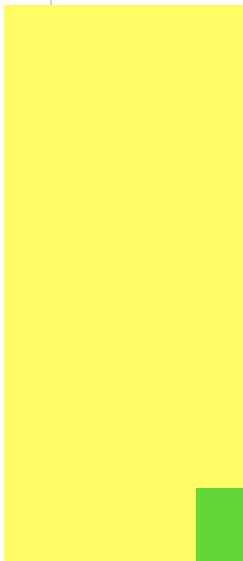


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protoHouse  prity lights
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once a condemned man

[condemnation]

what can be said to a condemned man [silence]

what can be heard from a condemned man

listen

[I can hear the ships]

[they do not know who I am]

observe the observer

six feet two ish american

tall compared to the condemned

wears glasses on the end of his nose

sat on an olivewood stool donated by the sweet sisters of amnesty

breathed hard

for his regular build

I have no agenda



disheveled
 disheartened
 forgotten

sheveled
 heartened
 gotten

the bugle from the yamaha synthesizer
 old churchbells the moon with no affiliation
 but sight
 started the poet

I am nearer to ancestry to the descendants the ascendants
 watch all of their hair turn to silver!
 the sunburned the radiated have a story that needs to be translated
 in the interest of citizenship
 because
 otherwise the stories will be unfamiliar

the water dripped at proper intervals
 through the stone walls like memory
 sleep tonight is a reckoning a visitation
 carried

violence must be said aloud
 is a school

indifferent
 different

intolerance
 tolerance

those with prejudice
 those without prejudice



blasphemy

depends on who you ask depends on who I ask

the ventilation clicks on

staff shift change

the night nurse lets me smoke

the checkers have never been played

this journey ends at the point it started

I have a question

[nobody there]

then who should I ask



the dawn is breaking

the onset of myth herald the darkening bureaucracy

so much peace to be silent about

sort my questions

my assumptions

the grocery list

the unsubstantiated myth is heresy only substantiated myths

please

and we will accept transubstantiated myths on a case by case basis

no

kool aid is not wine even if it is served in a wine glass

at the kids' thanksgiving table

officially

the dawn is breaking

yesterday's rules are under review because

the new administration the new political class

adjusts [things] from time to time

like the weather

can I be candid

can I be faithful

god has never lived

and do I steal a [thing] for saying [that]

the witness asked questions but really

the witness answers questions

the observatory trained upon the invention of one more planet

gave it a name like zeus

except something different something measurable



tomorrow or the next day

the apple from the jailor

ack

tastes like teen spirit

and your company for language

[what is a man's last thought]

[the condemned man]

[the man of old age on a blanket in a park]

[the woman]

[speculation]

[legacy is a dead star whorling about the slow volatility of the universe]

I am a citizen among the order of citizens

and will die a citizen

upon which all privileges of citizenship will remain intact

the stony hillside

hydra

the occasional storm

the little photography shop with the black and white photos

of sailboats in the fifties

but that is only sentiment

humanity regrows itself stations itself upon the doors of misery

the doors of gluttony

sing pride for me

by the way

did you get the memo

the one about the terms of solvency of the executive branch

something about collusion



good

and good's cause

the product of goodness good is good's bounce

the adjuncts of goodness

the cast the forms

is a soul for wait

settled into the humours of thought

and they

too

ultimately

forces the hand of contempt the hand of conservation

is a question

reference one good against another

the sociological order of souls

is another authority another dynamic

was a state of souls marked goodness

said idealism idealism

like every state but differently

but this

individualism is a different consideration than a collection of individuals

but they made a movie one

for every soul

an opiate for every soul

the pacific soul

the searching soul

good is a number good is a triangle

good is that which makes good visible

is a swallowed soul to assume the ends of being

are just [just]



but to die [listen]

it takes five minutes for the airplane to fall to earth

it takes five minutes to drown in the lake

it takes five minutes to be mauled to death by the bear

is sacred

as sacred as having become [mention permanence]

[listen]

still the birds the breeze the sky the city for memory

it is not my condemnation

I was once in love

carried the sport of life in a little bundle with a smile on my face

the ocean is different then

the ocean is a different voice then

age is a gathered youth

talking and playing and then they too gone

the institution of the self is revealed

for what is no contest but pause

[listen]

[there is evidence] [but to die believing] [there is evidence]

contained in a little vault

like a state treasure

observing the observer

do you believe in angels do you believe in free will do you believe in autonomy [visions]

do you agree with the newspaper said

corruption incorrigibility misrepresentation

do you agree with authority on general principle

[question]



nature is

vast

is small and large

combines all of the features of being

assumed nature is

as well what exists beyond sense beyond evidence beyond the ranges of technology

includes the imagination

includes the willful sport of human conduct

and were I to assume

all is nature

the registrations of the parts the operative parts

is rise to principle and belief

is a question a guide to the next question

and the elevation of one principle against another principle

rises what is sacred rises social administration rises faith

and the parameters of faith

mathematics is nature

poetry is nature

death is nature

the indication of categories is nature

brings one to [a] perspective

one language is not another's language say you are in a different time zone

with a different forest and different weather

with different relativities

and the onset of custom say the onset of civilization

is material except for my own thoughts

and to regard my own potence my own cause

is to regard a measure of responsibility



accountability is a social ordination
 bounces force against force faith against force life against nature congress unto
 the individual
 eventually

response
 [they built a government] [they built a language I do]
 which cannot be corrupted because
 [because]

the moral sways of a cooperative beliefs say system
 protects itself names judges and executives protects itself
 with metal arms and gathered thoughts
 an evolutionary jurisdiction

like perfection and closer to
 upon the riddance of one faculty and another in the interest of common persuasion
 right and wrong moral and immoral
 [amoral]

was sent to the gas chamber for corrupting the youth
 for enlightening the features of plausibility
 with no reason attached
 with no official reason attached

but first
 shared a meal with a priest a silent priest an agreeable priest
 but first
 said manifest but not really

nor spoke of the wrongs of authority or whether such wrongs can exist
 his was justice but not that justice
 [question]
 and how a soul is fitted



a mention of citizenship regards

a politic

I inhabit this body said the physician

I inhabit this department said the sociologist

I am god said the teacher

but that is small and smaller than geopolitics

declares the judge

tasked with the [proper] manner of youth corruption

the sunflower leaned into the sun

autumn and smaller days

the boy leaned into his father and with no question

but nearly a man

I wanted change that is all

to be a part of authority without using profanities

a mention of citizenship regards

oneself as exterior to

[that] [body]

voting is recently invented

for those with no committee ambitions

the ram ate the dingo ate the lioness

the condor dies in mid air fell to the earth and was swallowed by a thousand maggots

nature consumes a small corporation including the chairman

nature consumes the tasty large conglomerate for oversight

including the board of directors

the idea of responsibility satiates the idea of freedom

the governess

with the cleavage

told me not to look

at [those] statistics



how to tell one another apart
 the sport of character among those with the same name
 he decided to have gray hair so did she but she grew hers long
 and wore turquoise

babel lacked standards
 the pharaoh initiated comprehensive communication reform
 pushed them and them into their own dignities of
 understanding
 could not convince them and them of citizenry because
 their verbs happen at the end of sentences

the tattoo
 the buffalo horns
 the turkey feather is an eagle feather
 conspicuous consumption is a round office
 conspicuous consumption is no longer air travel
 boycotted for turbulence
 conspicuous consumption is a meerschaum pipe is a corporate logo is the eating of pretzels loudly in class

what silent mention is reference to
 the faith in which believes all people are unique because
 experiential origins
 are the germ are the spark of one or the other diaspora[s]
 say interest
 against what is already but
 among those who remain all people are unique because
 experiential origins
 are the germ are the spark of convention the spark of conversation eventually action
 policy
 [if]

when she is an old woman she will wear purple
 I
 will sit on my patio when the weather is well and commune with the birds
 wearing sandals and plotting



the rhetoric of amorality is no difference to social cause
 but the antiseccularists
 otherwise silent say there is no flower when there is no flower

the difference between right and wrong is
 a mentioned threshold is an adopted station
 certainly

but I have no affiliation nor want for affiliation said the agnostic
 born catholic
 dabbled in mythology and fascism and surrendering and atheism
 now spends the sabbath drinking tea with her pet

one can say anything and call it important
 this is a free country
 I am recording

ultimately
 I decide the value of one nature for another nature
 and the matters of social convenience like a collected systems of value say faith
 like one faith or another faith
 remember
 ten years before I die to join *something* so there will be *someone* at my funeral

it is a mission's cause that [they] are hungry for divinity
 and question
 whether to actually feed [them] before or after
 the seminar
 [and what food is appropriate like popcorn and angus beef hot dogs]

and whether coercion is acceptable
 in the introduction of the ideas of tolerance and intolerance

and whether to expect a new congregation to wear bras
 and get vaccinated



and were there [compassionate] order to colonization
 [they still come knowing]
 [teaching]
 [faith before language before self reliance]
 one god is no better than another god if they are the same god

my first cigarette was in the summer between grades two and three
 was a neighbor four years my senior
 for introduction
 sitting on the rooftop of a campsite restroom

incorrigibility is a nudge of learning points yes
 I am convinced this is a free country let me show you
 how

- o witness
- o desire
- o need

one level headed child grew to be a senator
 never got caught until after
 he got his law degree really
 it is not illegal to spank a secretary unless she says so
 but she just quit
 that is all

there is no guide to rightness there is only a guide to wrongness
 but the parent
 homeschooled the hell out of her child
 said one rapture is not another rapture and there is no license
 to do whatever one wishes

- now
- learning can begin
- these are the vowels and these are the consonants



the end is near

so anyway

would you like a roast beef sandwich

a game of chess

ho hum

da da da

that is a nice watch does it have indiglo

is it true one citizen is better than another citizen

there are leaders there are illustrators there are libertarians

citizenship is the institutional cause of citizenship

the first citizen was a slave

look through the cell window at the voting rights activists

there are none

and imagine a task which requires three people a hundred people and more

imagine a wall around this great city

a checkpoint for the allowance and rejection of fruits and vegetables

all the houses are white

an olive tree for every front yard and a vespa

what is left to a citizenry to decide after

one hundred years of domestic and global affairs

I suppose climate change and the low birth rate

migrations animal migrations and people migrations

love is no political affair but it cannot be said it is no political affair amongst righteousness

the separation of love and state

mention freedom and someone mentions the idea of freedom but not freedom itself

say permission say authority

say job placement and the idea of what is best for the most is best

how about a cheeseburger who makes a good cheeseburger around here

with a piece of pineapple on it



the unseasonable snow came down in the north
 the phone lines were affected
 people could not call their congresspeople to talk about the nature of corruption

a representative political system uses the word elective governance
 the distribution of resources
 the distribution of spies

how many people can decide the method of their inevitable death
 the firing squad the blindfold
 the gallows the shirtless hangman with the black hood or is that the guillotiner the axeman
 the chair the electrocutor
 is it possible to be without conscience if to end someone's life in
 the spirit of civilization's continuance
 the herbal extract [drink this]

final cause
 is no relevance really but the sum of what control what earlier cause
 ends a debate into one history or another
 silences the corrupt and the corruptors

the lesions of social memory do ask questions because
 conscience is a station and churches have not been invented yet
 condemnation and sacrifice
 one word over another people speaking at the same time
 what happens in a forum without organizational administration
 [speculation]
 what happens in a forum in which there is no president to speak contradictorily about
 policy

how do you want to be remembered
 [how do you want to be remembered]



iteration and reiteration

what was the question

exactly

she glanced over her shoulder at attention
 she had already memorized his politics that is why
 her actions were procedural

tell me something new [no] ask me something new in the form of telling me something new
 describe how the butterfly got its wings
 describe the violence of a painter in contrast to the violence of a poet

a priori
 because the heavy snows this season
 I know too I have heard this one before

a priori
 because the space race never ended because space disarmament is a contest
 one assumes another

a logical deduction is evidentiary precedential can a logical deduction be faith based
 [that] only makes sense
 that deduction possibly inflates the spirit of induction if to believe

the old picture frames reconditioned refitted
 with pictures of heroes
 heroes and animals and mothers and bugs on flowers

and were I to travel into conceptual objects images and language
 I would see what you tell me to see
 and I do not doubt such beauty but [you were not at the lake that day] [when]

nor is it contrary to mention a fact which refutes a fact which refutes the administration of fact
 conceptual order is
 differently qualified than the office of the officer



on the interrogative aspects of condemned people

is this justice

can a governor be corrupt

is there a better word than dissent for the education of youth

are you a witness a shaman or a friend

do you believe in god

on the interrogation of condemned people

would you like a coffee

would you like your watch back

would you like to visit with the young republicans

do you take any responsibility for gun violence in schools

does one assume the goodness of one particular answer before asking a question

you are not voiceless

listen

is it not silence which starts interest not contempt

[the mohawk]

[whether it was because the others' standardization of hair] [whether it is cool]

representation is a personal liberty argued the senator with the bow tie

the silence of representation is

the pause after reception

one thing is not another

convince the poet

the most democratic of representation is language

one thing *is* another and

it is my voice

the symbols lined the yard like a fence like the declaration of a fence

like a question

what is for sale what scares crows and youth away

the poet transferred his conceptualisms into yard art metal welded rusted yard art

after hearing about

the idea of interrogative poetry and contempt

it is a sunny day and no one listens to the radio any longer [because]



but the weather is a larger goodness

this is not poetry this is not philosophy this is not categorical

but a man like an example
and with no contempt for contempt

is a question of the nature of contradiction in learning
starts with the brevity of certainty

but [that] is philosophy [that] is categorical
if an ends are assumed upon a beginning if a subject is presented if one presents themselves as authority

it may be poetics
not necessarily poetry

is a question of the authorization of authority
whether permission is assumed whether permission is granted

but the weather yes
nor everything is meteorological

nor everything is measured in goodness if to assume all is good
good becomes forgotten in the task of determining the lesser evils

progress is sacrifice
and a collected peoples of a mind share a determination an inseparable determination

to each their own is notice to the segregation of responsibilities
including the meteorologist including the educator

and the standards of civilization
cannot comfortably recognize a social exterior without reason

[they had formed the habit of drinking and staying out all night]
[carousing]



but the weather is a larger goodness

you are a lighthearted pragmatist and good company
can we rest in silence can we make assumptions and rest in silence

society is only riddled [!]

but the weather

