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MADISON

THE BUG WITHOUT THE GROUP OF BUGS

The ant as small as a fire ant though black
nor under the rock as the others

small enough to squish with my thumb and
without caution

must smell sugar
honey

something sweet like
a puddle of beer said my youth science teacher

under a rock
were hibernation for snow and

the eight inch deep rock hole reveals
the spectacle of white ant eggs and

a commotion of small black ants
having had their rooftop removed

the lone ant finds its way

to sugar

and whether a drone ant can procreate

I do not know and

I do not leave sugar on open surfaces

THERE WERE THE CICADA

Alone
and underground
seventeen years

now on my patio screen

pondering mating

and the habits of mating

sunrise

It was good

the gazebo

dirt lot

tapped his foot with wooden block on his foot as he

played a steelstring guitar as he

sang

A ten mile radius of home

and there were many

called home home nearby

there were a building an office building

a vehicle service center

a grocery store

and in the autumn when the leaves are gone

to see backyard gardens

common

a fenced yards most

and a plumber can be called to repair a garbage disposal

and someone to remove snow

deliver the daily news in paper form from paper from upstate

and a front porch swing takes effort to build

requires a ladder

eventually

it is said glass is recyclable

there have always been glass spaghetti jars at the store red sauce and white sauce

I recall age fifteen when

there were sticker price tags on every item at a grocery store

the socioeconomics of stickers as opposed to upc identification of price is

a question of the cost of adhesion

TO COMPARE BUG WITH BUG

two scorpions
territorial scorpions
one kills the other

scorpions are arachnids

the fly flew into the spider web
the spider wrapped the fly in sticky spider web

flies are insects

the dragonfly flew atop the dragonfly
near the lilli pads among
the quiet

TO COMPARE BUGS WITH BUGS

the sugar eating ants the small ones the picnic ants
the one inch carpenter ants wood eating ants may explore alone
the fire ants anthills one millimeter in length swarm cause pain to barefoot sandwalkers

the butterfly
twenty small butterflies
fluttered
back and forth near to one another
white and yellow
both

butterflies are insects

the empty wasp nest

TO COMPARE ENTEMOLOGICS WITH SOCIOLOGICS NOR

one species is not another
curious to say a species is older than another
what is species survival what is species sustainability
when all is or is not in sociologic control
considering resources population density other species

DEFINITION: NAUT

Traveler in three intentional dimensions

Endonaut
within an atmosphere
the glider from an elevation

Exonaut
without an atmosphere
there were a moon landing in nineteen sixty nine

ABC123

Letters

numbers were mathematics

I had a teacher

penmanship

the calligraphics of presentation the darkest ink

I like your handwriting

LOCAL SAGE AND THE BLACK BEETLE

Sage tea

and some to burn

the black beetle

it is cool underground

the same temperature all year

to watch the stars turn at night

and the breeze

the sun will be up

near first light

On hunger
were pasta tonight

on necessary acidic soil conditions at wine vineyards of low altitude wine growing regions
the recipe book
had a dewey decimal number

I prefer cabernet sauvignon room temperature

SNOW IN THE AIR TODAY

And the sun was shining

the snow never accumulates

fluffs about a still air nor

arriving at the ground

like cotton air borne nor returning

THE LIST OF STYLE

The evening style

for them

she an asymmetrical cotton dress nor sleeves and he
casual tan wool and white and tie to match her belt

the cold weather style is

an insulated boots

the cowboy the hat

the teacher the horizontal stripes above the knee socks

yellow and purple

matching dress

the grocer

the butcher

the bakery

and the painter

and the poet

the ropemaker and callused hands

the tshirt

the canvas shoes

the book on the ground next to the table with the cold coffee

still life

and the wall clock

and the four pm sunlight an afternoon haze and the telephone it is sunday

the sabbath

THE LATCH KEY

Raccoons admire shiny things

the coin

the reflection

the latch key

set down by the child for home entry after school before parents home from work

stainless steel shiny

on the dirt

where the children short cut

lifted to a nest like

a bank

of shiny things

Badminton

and casual notice of
yesterdays notice
something small

a picnic in nature is
something to eat
where the wind
can be heard and
long enough to get lost a moment
[return]

how something is less than important

The bee

and the ant follows the next ant inna
row

big ants and their size says nothing about communication

a trail of pheromone

and a little ants one hundredth the size of the big ants climb on the big ant one hundred of them and
bring the big ant to stillness

there are termites build giant sand cones in the deserts near trees

and anteaters and monkeys with six inch long sticks poke holes in the giant termite hill and eat
termites

monarch butterflies migrate in groups
eat [milk] [weed] on the way

the spider laid one thousand eggs their appearance with webs around my living room suggests there
should be a particular distance atween cobwebs for maximum predatorial density per square living
room footage

and the bee to say threat

territorial threat

[and there are others]

RAIN AND AN ENTEMOLOGICS ASSOCIATED WITH RAIN

Were the butterflies gone to notice

the rain slow rain steady rain a clouded sky and

the hollow ambience of rain

and the planted garden as quiet and receiving

nor smaller life

traveled to hibernation until a rain is complete

a bees

and a crawling sorts

is late november and a garden is still green and dying

for last year a likeness

a color will be completed when

an entemologics associated with rain as present

to be rested until may is expected

when the perennials and

when rain is no longer snow

and an open sound is no relation to precipitation and

a beetles may first show a seasonal beginning including

the ladybug

THE HONEY

With the bee left in

nor moving

were crypt but for the clear glass twenty four ounce jar

six dollars and ninety nine cents

sourdough bread for toast

on the list

Twelve hours on a rotary watch

on the exact time were

celestial

sunrise the moment the visible disk of the sun

and sunset

and when autumn starts and winter

the shortest day of the year is measurable

exact

and the longest day of summer the first day of summer

measurable

and when the trainwhistle were

noon

the schedule were

how exact is a twenty four hour day

how exact need be a twenty four hour day and

corrected every four years per

leap year

that the coffee meeting be kept

saturday afternoon

that the picnic exist longer than expected

and were watches aesthetic only

to say time and

style

[I prefer cream though sugar on occasion]

And for reason

the boredom of foundations were adulthood

wars are dismissed

old girlfriends are dismissed

from the contemporary as

applicable

and the way of society was once

agrarian and

inventive

and whether to recall that without importance

there were two events twenty years apart

in between were a quiet gathering in someone's living room

notes were taken and

all walked away from the living room silently understanding

and without the two events there would be no relevance to

the living room

sustaining the latter event

and were personal history personal

best of newlyweds to not mention previous potential spousal relationships at

the room service breakfast the following morning

the interests of society's continuity of an axiological frame

and the person with their own interest

may or may not be a question of how one [censor] their own

may or may not be a question of editing and publishing

The trash in the front yards
the beer bottles
the vehicles without wheels on cement blocks

and the little free library
invented

books

and soon there were girls with jumpropes

and puppies
and the trashbags in the yards were removed

and the city newspaper wrote an article

Do I not have what I require

and what is of importance
theirs were hunger and a varieties of hunger

were travel ambition
it were the ocean
to watch a waves crash again and the nearby grasses eight feet tall

and seafood blue crabs were hunger nor sustenance though
hunger

and to crave what is absent
say thanksgiving were bust last thanksgiving for the undercooked turkey I shall plan lamb
this year

my favorite inexpensive table wine

the securities of modern living are expectations and
there were no power two weeks ago when
snow first fell for the season and
wind

and were there an absence to answers and were there a question
the library
and the divine elsewhere in church
and I do not localize the divine
and I do not pantheism-ism the divine to say a [things] are more important than an other
[things] including [people]

and a sparseness to grammar it is only
to dictionary publishers to keep pace with poets [question]

and shy is curious

to address

and build a wall around

and shyness were an optimistic approach

object

were doubt pessimistic

Above the third floor is an elevator

when I visited new york city sat on the patio of the new york public library
in the rain

and there were food trucks double parked in front of

the italian restaurant

I ate spaghetti with two whole sausages on top

and driving by the farm

maple syrup for sale

accepted my raised lettering debit card

sunny day

she looked amish

about my age

With small numbers
so small there is a
[theta]⊖
with no purpose

the extending middle

the traveling case

I had an abacus as a child

counted things like rocks

accurately

on why everyone should own a slide rule
as to place upon one's coffee table as conversation piece

I own a texas instruments scientific calculator
statistics need be understood

pencil on paper

to be interpreted

the slide rule too large to fit in a pocket

must be held in one's left hand as they walk from office to office if
the slide rule carrier is right handed
in regards to a writing instrument

the likes of pencil
number two

to solve things like
architecture
and things

Dear editor

the trash cans after trash pickup on tuesdays is unsightly the trash cans turn over with the wind and
blow down the street stray trash bags are blown about as well

I have no solution to the problem of post trash removal unsightliness though to encourage my
neighbors between the eight hundred and eleven hundred blocks of elm street to keep in mind their
trash has been picked up and their trash containers are ready for removal to each's garage

I thank you for your attention and have a good day

, x

[printed]

THE SHAMAN

I have a photograph
from a tobacco card

she is old and
religious

and with bic lighter
the upper right corner

EXOSKELETONS AND EDIBILITY

Were the protective shell
so impenetrable
as to be the purpose of exoskeletalism
nor mention an internal organs suspended within

a crunch
the aardvark
and ants are little
little [all of them]
[little]
and easy an aardvark to digest
scat [let]
on its way to its lair
an innards are nutritious
the exoskeleton scat

something eats crab

something eats lobster

with butter and garlic and

shrimp

Tock

were among silence

a thought

the antique store the cateye marbles
and two fall to the barnwood floor
roll to a crevice

tock

I had been using marble sized beads and
marbles are so much more masculine
[beads] [there are holes in beads]

chinese checkers
the board made of marble

tock

and I have a rosary with wooden beads

I played marbles in elementary school
for keeps
the winner keeps the opponents marble
whether the marble has a chip or not

tock

a marble has a chip a cateye marble has a chip
evidence of having been played
[the antique store of seventy seven years past]

tock

and wood is too light to play a marble game and

chinese checkers

tock

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Toni morrison said into a microphone
presidents should be poets

and are poets

the formal responsibilities of the president are
signatorial

the informal responsibilities of the president are
poetry

presentation

reelection

reelection of the platform

moral position

the proper way to shake an hand

eye contact

and the way a question is asked is no question

and what is favoritism

to the third grade teacher as authority upon high of her classroom including title of

president

[were policy and poetry convincing]

And there were no question

and I answered no [x]

and it is interesting to note

however

the ideal candidate won because

an ideal candidate smoothes a natural electoral discontent

immediately

at ballot count

and as a constituent

clean water is important to me

were there a candidate

let them know

and entomology

I can go to the library to address my bug problem

and as a constituent

public libraries are important to me

were there a candidate

let them know

The ant in the bell jar with the artificial flowers was
a big black ant

the bell jar on the cabinet of curiosity

everyone should have a cabinet of curiosity in
the hallway

with gems and fetishes and an antique tool

to talk about

the lit candle as not to burn the cabinet of curiosity with chimney

an observable flame the moth and

falls to the base of the candle inside the chimney

strike anywhere matches used to strike on glass and

teeth and

clint eastwood boot soles for

cigar

to ponder a flame within a chimney is temporal the flame will go out

the bell jar is no relation to time and for

the ant

is a terrarium were there thought of terrarium