



## FIELD NOTES

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It is the poetry I like because  
reproduction supposes [that] production

I choose not to forget

It is an isolated instance a beauty for the souls  
captured

And let go let again loft to  
its own determinism

2

I held you for an instant and let you fly

A name I gave you  
I will not remember like when

I am valid and say that I am valid  
like character

Protecting potential and I am no collector

3

The surface arrives with the risen sun

And for those so conditioned ask  
what it is we do in the start

But thought to say  
where it is I have not been because that is where

I wish

To be

4

Join me in silence join me in meditation  
the leaves

Return

And the grass will stand again green

[nature]

5

In truth

poesy is a mangled experience

A secondary substance for  
an original nature

I hold

But to say language is a photograph disregards  
a latter part of the soul than vision

6

Because poetry is my attention  
nor so temporal as to say

There is no inclusion of next season  
when

A colors change and the lights are longer  
it is supposed to rain [then]

O satisfaction

I can think of nothing besides

7

Field notes require a field  
and a writing instrument and an attention

Nor say an attention must remain [here]  
but say delivery to the next attention [if]

Like the scientist in love  
spiritedly unabled spiritedly consumed

Rapt

It is the middle of the day and I assume  
a stars

In which I am located in the middle keeping

what poetics

8

Spring onset

the snow goes

into wetness into the brown cut grass mush

The birds that did not fly away soon the others  
return

There are no living leaves though

I expect

for having been here before trusting

A seasonal frames

9

Spring onset

become

The early flowers the bulbed flowers having festered  
beneath a surface  
push a slow thrust of green then a flower

Each

A graded temperatures a seasonal temperatures  
forward stepping out and a breath

The clouds look the same

10

Spring onset

I am a scientist I am a poet like discern but  
not every thing is figured but  
not every thing is rational

And whether I record my attention

starting now

the same a year ago as long as memory

Yes

a seasons are astronomical  
a leaves are astronomical because

11  
Spring onset  
Every birth a trickled species introduced  
gathering foraging

Them nested and huddled  
for seeds and play discern  
learning what parents know

The composite self nor restraint I too  
am selfist

A tidied domicile a mapped habitat  
found love  
child rearing

[And a predators]

12  
Spring onset  
green as a year ago listen

Abundance  
introduces itself in stages the lower bushes the middled trees the upper trees  
the slower flowers

[Then]

The aesthetics of nature's presentation  
are my attention are the limits of my attention

13  
Spring onset  
plant flowers plant vegetables get out the hose  
listen

Travel

An industry the determination of industry is practical  
[all of the time in the world]

inhale

14

In the absence of a doctor

In the absence of pathology

Superstition

Medicine

Treebark

Inhale

Elevate your legs

Contagion

15

All of the varieties is a scientist classification

[this one is good to eat]

The clouds the stationary clouds I am hungry

the temptations

not all beauty tastes the same

Left a bruise the size of a melon

the ambulance startled me

I slipt

Returning from political convention

There were ten thousand varieties each their own

each with a name

Already

the scientist

16

The retired conservationist memoired

a thoughts

Generations

The conservationist as sustainable energy person  
the battery  
and its charge

The call  
the recycled call  
there is a forest that requires saving

Dead animals barren ground no habitat  
there are animals that require shelter

Nature's reclamation is  
my own observation

17  
There are rules

The tyranny by nature is no tyranny

The flooded wash took away the vehicle

There was a sign  
like public health

18  
In the beginning  
before man and the force of man  
before civilization before mud houses

In the beginning  
when the active volcanoes  
when the oceans when fish thought

In the beginning  
there was speculation there was incidentalism  
there was coincidentalism

The superstitious brown bears  
the superstitious snow owls  
the superstitious red foxes

In the beginning  
there was no carbon  
there was no director of carbon

19  
Alas  
the hopeful sight of spring the germ of spring  
I am dependent

And expectations civil expectations  
the screen replaces the storm door  
and that is only custodial

A crisp sensitivities to the atmosphere  
theirs and theirs is change and I  
the monitor

What is presented mentions god  
and with no observer but I  
I say I am present and will be present

20  
One life follows another  
from holes and nests from migratory paths  
destination

The sun the proper distance the proper offset  
and without terrestrial color  
the exterior the nature it is I am framed

Early  
nor leaves just  
a started flowers put before last autumn's frost [then]

I am patient but  
that is not why  
I watch

Cycles the growth and regrowth of cycles  
comes the industry of rain the contribution  
declares okay [now]

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If it were insomnia to say my attention  
beloved  
is a longitudinal exercise

If it were appearance alone and without calendar  
I insist  
I am natural and wanting

If it were destiny's travel  
to see what has been seen but say  
a might closer this time [just]

If it were my disregard for hibernation I  
if it were a call to witness  
what it is watches my own turn

If it were fantasy to reveal  
at nature's care  
in good grace I do regard such an agency

22

And what spite upon that which does not change and cannot change  
but for I alone  
am centered knowing again and again

That is why  
an appearances are the surface of appearances [and]  
sight is not my only sense

The agreeable  
the generous  
the permanent

Is a phantom approaches with questions  
and without language and without custom  
[!]

23

A feathered clouds a daymoon [typical] [atypical]  
interest and the justification of interest  
sovereign

The heavy clouds the dark and low clouds  
brew tornadoes brew floods  
stillness and saturation

Today the sky is clear the color of blue  
there is an airplane  
there is a hawk

And with no words remaining but onset  
say tomorrow  
through the leaves through the green [then]

24

The invention of pathology  
is the invention of civilization

Nor just the features of the body  
sociological pathology  
vocational pathology

The recognition of a problem is  
a measure to determination

The career the teacher the carpenter  
at retirement  
the brain scan revealed intelligence

And what is declared in the absence of problems  
say a features of avocation

25

The invention of pathology  
the administration of a recognition of pathology

The tool makers made tools  
because of civilization's recession

The restaurateur made chicken wings  
because there was a need

The newspaper  
the fisherman

26

People do what they do  
in a market economy

There are degrees to a value of products and services  
each represented in a measured financial income

Contract  
handshake

Natural selection is coordinated with  
efforts

Social Darwinism may be more relevant than  
Darwinism applied the way it was originally introduced

Reeducation and other social programs  
for a fallen efforts

People do what they do they assemble they retire  
as promise

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Natural selection the fire the flood  
one hundred years proves a different pace than my own

Nature dies  
but not really

If an original species are voided from a place  
another species enters

Unless a place is assumed  
a country hospital was built near me on undeveloped land

I lived on the edge of town and now  
the edge of town is a mile further

And were the idea of natural selection license  
for assumption

And were natural selection license for the idea of a witnessed degradation  
of otherness

No  
mention sustainability mention my own limits

28  
And wake from a nap  
all is changed

Perspective is my own

And a fullness to attention to industry  
or pause

The incorrigibility of love yes

29  
Walking shoes the weathered walking shoes  
gone about comfort  
east and west nor rain today can you tell me  
will you take my picture  
near the swans

Will you take my picture  
with the cows

With the old lady tease

With the statue of mother and child

With Elvis

But use my camera thanks stranger

30  
Everything is silent everything is let down  
it is quieter now than winter  
there is a virus  
a round virus with plungers sticking out of its orb head

People need time to heal  
nature needs time to heal itself regenerate  
for memory to return for good reason to return  
for qualified reentry

The slowness is not a symptom  
 the slowness is uncertainty and I am in no rush  
 to address  
 why it is I am smiling

31

From the sky from the window of an airplane  
 squares of civilization beneath  
 is how nature is adopted and adapted

Corn

rows of squares rows of gardens commercial

Making a life from the soil

Cow cows pregnant cows guernsey holstein brown swiss  
 calves  
 beef  
 milk

And were it near enough to nature to say nature  
 because  
 there are animals  
 things rise from the soil

32

The simplest rain  
 gently let down on the dry open soil in poofs  
 enough for me to clean my glasses but  
 not return indoors

I say

poem

is a drought

poem is a storm

poem is hunger

poem is rational poem is irrational

I am acknowledged

that is why

I am required to mention your memory

this is not a song

I have no instrument  
but pencil

33

The same sky at morning's twilight  
measured by my half closed eyes

The same sky at dusk  
hilltop

A separated colors  
nor light enough for shadows

Celestial and without the word celestial  
for to be tuned terrestrially

Except a cloud  
a stray northern star

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The impotence for sight  
the lifeless forest

People blond at winter's end  
re-marking cycles

The warmth having held ideation  
there is an end to the cold

Things return like I  
remember

The impotence of wait is not impotent  
for I have been thinking

About reeducation  
about curriculum

35

The deer came back last night  
spent time at the birdfeeder

Then

they walked away into the forest

There were four of them  
silent except footsteps crackling twigs and leaves

I cannot imagine a predator in this area  
but a person

It was four am  
I do not think they noticed me noticing

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A ground cloud obscured the road  
passing in and out of ground clouds

Something about surface temperature  
something about humidity

It  
blows off midmorning

Clarity is a mess of lines a mess of rows  
shapes and colors

Browns and shades of browns  
early spring browns

The sound of traffic  
all of the parks all of nature is in squares

A cloud cannot be controlled  
a cloud cannot be borrowed

37

I was wearing a respiratory mask  
for the virus

A virus does not live  
a virus is subject to the movement of air maybe or waterborne

Fills a lungs with mucous for its dispense  
cold sweats and achy joints [death]

A virus is no less natural than  
the bat from which it came the swine from which it evolved

I understand  
bacteria are different bacteria are alive

The invisibility of nature is my capture  
for my attention for my body is differently designed

38

The largeness the grand the whole  
of sight  
it all makes sense now how  
the earth is divided the sky is divided  
the social sphere bends at observation  
the capture of the imagination say beauty  
puts a reason upon sense  
and the sociopolitics of peace declares  
a park  
like protectionism  
with animals and wonder and time  
trees and water  
I do not need a reason to mention god  
nor prayer  
and when a voice turns to  
the affirmations their acknowledgement their grace  
for to be among [what is offered]  
are we not a concert for I too offer [meal]  
[language]  
I will be gone like I have never been  
is to say one place is not another yet  
is it not the same here and there  
one nature is every nature with its own temperament  
its own rivers  
only in nature's separation will  
civilization consider itself complete  
there are gardens and fences and domestic animals  
and the parks  
are limited in their containment their qualification  
and I go  
like natural history seeing  
what it is the docent points to  
that already has a name I say

spectacular but  
 limited in its containment  
 I have no other answer

39

The deceased  
 I do not know whether the tree suffered  
 I do not know whether the tree would be proud  
 as my house  
 the dead fish  
 the dam for municipal water  
 the city birds the pigeons assume the space of  
 the new neighborhood it  
 is not the same

The deceased  
 the man having lived a good life forgot a thing  
 said virtue in several ways but  
 forgot the school  
 left no instructions on self reliance

The melancholy ate a verb and stayed home  
 watched a documentary about nature on her computer  
 nature is not so far away  
 the park just across the street  
 and we can get a pizza on the way home

The deceased  
 had not realized they were deceased  
 speechless and sightless and redundant thoughts  
 it is a slow vacuum  
 the reclamation of the soul upon  
 a body's collapse  
 soon  
 the oversoul will rest you down again as a parent  
 would

The only categorical logic regarding nature is  
 to say civilization is natural  
 in the interest of conscience  
 I wake  
 say where did the elephants and whales go  
 and the polar fish but

those were only photographs  
of two hundred years ago

40

The wind carried the stanza  
carried my hat  
and all of its words  
to the east this time summoned

I have an answer

Blowin' in the wind

The wind carried the verse  
all of the instruments all of the time  
all of the ideas

The wind carried the music  
played through the trees  
respond  
is I creates and whatever you assume I  
replace again and again

41

Is a home put into a hillside  
a meadow  
a visible nature

What matters in winter is  
forgotten  
it is spring and I am only beginning to claim  
again

42

The bare earth the bare forest  
hollow  
and to adjust one's perspective is to say  
so too nature thus beauty  
for nature and beauty are similarly measured

Witness

and I have no thing to say but memory

The temptation of possession  
 is idylled and stunted  
 with a camera  
 [the undercomb of a mushroom]  
 [the undergills]

The temptation of possession  
 insists a walking stick  
 [there is something I must see]  
 [put your feet in the water]  
 [look at today's sky]

Witness

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The oldest [thing] in the universe  
 for certainty I say I

For reason's interest a chunk of obsidian

A fossil a trilobite

The moon

The water and the shape of water

The oldest [thing] in the universe  
 mention astronomy and the parts of astronomy

The oldest [thing] in the universe  
 is the universe itself  
 all of the parts all of the bodies all of the light  
 as far as I can consider  
 including what is near to me

44

Numbers  
 a catalogue of numbers  
 a box of numbers whole numbers prime numbers  
 rational numbers  
 a drawer

Invented numbers say logic

the comparable  
 mention appreciation mention divinity  
 is a laboratory is a cathedral  
 the marked the ordered

Distance is a rational question  
 how it is my attention thus is an irrational thought  
 am I not required to love some [thing]

45

Take me high  
 enough for reason  
 I understand  
 but it were time differently framed  
 the sun about the morning  
 for memory

A measured distance a measured material  
 the length of a man  
 the weight of a man  
 the color of a man  
 and to say time for how long a breath can be held

The risen morning  
 what is darkness  
 all of the features exist excepting light  
 take me high  
 upon the atmosphere and I will tell you  
 where I wish to build a home

46

The gentle rain  
 the motored wheels on wet pavement  
 the eaves letting down into  
 little garden pools

Everything requires  
 water

The stone requires water  
 exposure  
 a soil washes away

The gentle rain  
fundamental  
absorbed  
green

47

Cloud  
drift  
northwest to southeast at two miles per hour  
just after dusk  
lightning  
no rain  
I went to bed

The morning  
quiet enough  
the single bird

The trees are just starting to bud

48

Language is reactionary  
language is decided by nature  
attention is not voluntary

The large stone good for climbing on

A words one and another  
recognize  
symbolic forms the vocal the literal

The dogma of language  
you  
heard it here first but theirs  
is floral  
the dogma of language  
is a code of the faithful  
incestuous

49

Neglect to say  
nature is without me  
for I consume

for I administer  
for I return an unwanted features to  
nature's being

Nature is willfully  
interpreted  
nor an address to the tornado in front of me  
it is not your will  
for you have no will  
you do not live  
but are supposed upon a conditions  
dependent

And say god upon a marveled ness  
perhaps

50  
God has no brain  
god has no feet  
god has no eyes

God has no river  
god has no volcano  
god has no cloud

God has no language  
god has no poem  
god has no religion

God is not decided  
god is uncertain  
god has no sense of humor

God is alone

And with no birthday  
and with no family  
and with no health

God is alone

51  
Today the risen wind

to pair with a fresh green buds started

I am  
taking note of science

Calling things for how they appear  
appreciating an act of reproduction

Now and again each april everything is new  
I remember

52  
The nature  
of the election  
an ironies of the development of a limited government  
watch closely  
it is no longer a burning juniper tree

The nature  
of the education  
among the sequestered  
herbs in the corner window  
the idea of progress within a contained environment is  
cause for peace

The nature  
of the city  
without borders is  
commercial

The nature  
of the river  
assumes gravity it is I  
to mention spectacle  
declare awe

53  
In the beginning  
there were seeds or  
were there seed baring plants

The single celled animals  
eating each other's offspring

Competition for resources

like sulfur

like carbon

One day to grow into a mammal with

thumbs

without dietary restrictions

Building adobe walls and wooden roofs

a patio

to watch

In the beginning

there were children or

were there seed bearing parents

In the beginning

there were dolphins

54

The readied atmosphere

clarity is a night

when all is accomplished

Just a little dream

Loft into the air on a flying machine

Just a little dream

A washing machine

Just a little dream

The venus people with thick skin and big noses

The clouds are no distraction

I have thought about them for the greater part of the evening

conclusively

We will be above them

dreaming

55

The ship sounded a horn  
 the captain  
 will marry us at the next port  
 the three of us not including the captain

Sea legs quiver like newlywed legs  
 to the novice

In the absence of an official then  
 time  
 to tend the garden  
 sunbathe  
 do what is required  
 seven years I understand before an assets can be equally divided or a new mattress purchased  
 common law  
 nor reference to love  
 such [things] are private

The photographer in the tshirt  
 claimed

The captain the goodwill tip  
 one hundred dollars

56

The edge of the water is the edge of the land  
 there are such places separated by natural lines  
 socioculturalpolitical  
 lines

There are limits to a person's wit  
 say exposure  
 say perspective  
 ignorance is inherent to the human condition  
 that is why  
 questions were invented

Free association assumes a limits to exposure  
 one vocabulary is not another and  
 those congregational forces with contact  
 with shared borders

it is common to understand why it is  
we think similarly  
say the same words

The smuggled trophy  
international  
mention justice [then]

57

The new sun pierced  
the fresh spring ideology  
in which  
some had not let down the cold

Soon the migratory

Seniors

Soon the migratory

Birds

Late autumn had left a brown grass stalks  
laid down like dormance  
for the conditions of hibernation

The new blades will properly green  
assume the attitude of green  
with the adjacent standing forest

58

Society grew hungry  
wanted things but  
was no open society

There are rational limits to want  
there are conditions

The mine pulled iron from the land  
for cars and construction

The mine started  
a capital economy a barter economy

The rice and produce I could mention any [thing]  
animal meat

The farm the land  
better to have more than less

O  
how about roads for the cars  
shall we tax said the identity of the economist

59  
The crow is equal to the raven  
each mention damnation each mention riddle  
and the blackbird

Damnation is a force of social control  
[speculation]  
and whether damnation is imaginary

The mother bird treated her baby birds  
properly  
gave innate and social ways

That a line of life is maintained  
and were it a matter of species survival to eat other species  
[then]

Just do not waste any meat  
road kill is just fine if you can find it  
and bugs there are plenty of godless bugs about

The nest sheltered the idea of home  
creature comforts and the idea of creature comforts  
precede their own absence and the thought of their absence [damnation]

60  
The wandered human mind  
became a soul  
infinity at last [exclamation]  
it was the walk on the beach thinking about  
the mountain hike  
I say I have been and will continue to be

the force of beauty is a question for which  
I have invented a poem about  
the consumption and interpretation of experience

For not every [thing] is beautiful  
I cannot say  
nor should it be because it would all be the same  
language  
and I would stay at home  
memorizing all of the importances

Discretion is a separation of value  
the utility of a certain order  
may or may not be applied to that which exists only once

[But]

61

The ambulatory trees walked around

The stationary trees

Sunbathing

The lizard

The compost

The ambulatory sun the ambulatory moon

A medical sound for movement

All is medical except

What is not yet given a name like

The ambulatory poplars

The ambulatory maples

62

The name carved into the skin of the aspen  
years ago

a scar  
 turns dark for a return to purpose  
 keeps out the mosquitoes

The birds echo

And a man with a tent puts out his fire packs his stuff drives away  
 gone  
 years ago

63

The concentration of people in the city  
 there is a word for that  
 population density  
 is cause for social distancing for what purpose  
 [epidemiology]

No hugs or handshakes cover your mouth when you laugh  
 rinse your currency in lysol

The clouds never go away  
 and I was not looking for the moon

A city in the middle of nowhere is an idea started  
 [epidemiology]

64

The construction of the forest took a thousand years  
 of death and termites  
 the age of ferns and undergrowth  
 mushrooms  
 a cohabiting mammals large and small

It is an ecosystem

The construction of the city took hundreds of years  
 of inspiration and hardship  
 relocation  
 the disassembly of an adjacent forest  
 an italian restaurant shapes a neighborhood  
 public works  
 a firehouse  
 a dwelling for the life of the grocer

It is an ecosystem

The inevitable intersection of city and nature

perhaps

collaborative

are we not young and learning

the spirit of sustainability

65

Whether free will exists at a cellular level

programming and instruction supposes

a vocational path for every organism

Generalization

sociologically speaking

to say humanity is a collective body

Depends upon one's education and development

depends upon an idea of self determination

depends upon an idea of self interest

The cell

the function of the cell the function of mitochondria

the dependence of the cell to other cells

The cell

had no name

had no eyes no ears for exposure

The cell

was in the top five percentile

of its graduating class

The cell

is never getting out of this town

this sheltered town

66

The dust in the air

is from the construction site nearby

putting in a new medical clinic

they will put in grass I am sure

have it be our election polling place  
 make community out of a neighborhood

The doctor  
 is hired by the administration

The construction site people  
 had callouses on their hands on their fingers  
 moved machines pushed dirt about  
 material  
 the dust in the air  
 blows eastward toward those houses

The foreman  
 is hired by the administration

67  
 Signs of spring april thirteen two thousand twenty  
 buds on the trees new growth  
 a greener domestic grass  
 the grass adjacent to county roads  
 awakening  
 the active robins  
 the active people  
 cold brisk one day tshirt weather the next

68  
 The same sky  
 as six months ago  
 but different clouds I see  
 a new cerberus  
 opposing the blue

There is no day moon today but listen  
 that high static

The same astronomy  
 as new year's eve  
 psyche and cupid still  
 talking as constellations do  
 they could say anything and I would believe it

With a question

about the garden  
 about a kiss I assume  
 you will be present when the sun sets again  
 and again

69

The dividends of experience  
 are tan  
 are observant  
 are appreciative  
 are social  
 can be generalized  
 are wisdom  
 are age

The catapult hurled insults

The underground insects ate mold  
 the worms left mold for the underground insects  
 the robins ate the worms

The poet turned his acid free book to mulch  
 to grow fungus  
 for the underground insects

The robin without wings and the catapult  
 chirped insults  
 'bite me'

The imagination without memory is  
 improvisational is  
 without reference is  
 mortal is  
 irrational as much as a dream is irrational

The catapult the heavy catapult the stationary catapult  
 too heavy to move  
 invited war to come to it  
 'eat my shorts'

70

The sum of the investments of experience  
 are a presence

Herein this vault lies the body of Fibber McGee  
he was a pioneer  
and still may be

Erosion social erosion unto conformity  
all of the ugly  
ness  
replaced by an attention to major league sports and religion  
the forty hour work week  
saturday picnics and  
a trading of hellos

And had I imagined the stars instead of the moon  
I wonder  
if it would just take longer  
to be airborne

Springtime  
skinnydipping and a blanket on the shore

71  
The parameters of religion  
that is the thing  
I mixed my cosmology with my mental health  
o woe

The parameters of the university  
it was four hundred manicured acres now dormant because  
of the coronavirus  
o woe

Parameters exist where a tools of measurement exist  
the campsite  
the dirt road  
the lake  
the tent

The scout

The grandmother

The parameters of this conversation are silence and

literacy

the parameters of eye contact include  
 one hundred and thirty five peripheral degrees  
 the parameters of interest are experiential

72

Catastrophe the fire  
 was a campfire crackled sparks unto  
 the forest floor the dried needles

Every animal that could not fly  
 some got away  
 upwind

The camper  
 it  
 happened so fast

Catastrophe the flood  
 was three days of slow heavy rain  
 the tributary met the tributary

Joined the mississippi  
 with a crawl of water  
 over the dam

The camper  
 nothing  
 but reverence

Catastrophe the eclipse  
 proved a hell among us  
 and what can be taken

Light is taken for granted  
 there are [things]  
 larger than other [things]

The camper  
 science cannot explain reverence  
 [!]

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The page before creation

The page before light

The page before waking

The blank page

The page before the dream

The page before witness

The page before destiny

The page before law

The page before a journey

The blank page

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An ecumenical nature  
inclusive of sport and food and early education  
there was no pass code no identification  
they  
just walked around  
helping themselves and helping animals  
helping  
helping plantae  
explaining things like the existence of  
philosophy  
explaining a preference for meatloaf  
explaining civilization

An ecumenical nature  
contained in the classroom  
with the window open  
there is no other place than a classroom  
in which the professor draws a circle on  
the slate board  
leaving instruction to the students  
that is all  
what is interesting

that is all  
 [science is inhibited] [science is not celebratory]  
 [like poetics]

75

I have been to both oceans on the same trip  
 [I have traveled in the interest of conquest]  
 I have climbed a mountain and said that I have climbed a mountain  
 I have proudly traipsed distances on my bicycle  
 more than once

I did it

Nor say one is completed for completion because  
 [the coded poem has not been written] [and]  
 it has not been completed twice like certainty and a third  
 time and again

What beauty to follow  
 what limits are chased  
 what is the human condition  
 is [fun] a noun or an adjective  
 did the locals use particular language  
 shall I bring my own food

And were there numbers involved  
 relative to space and that which inhabits space

To make [things]  
 like science  
 like recipes  
 like general order

76

Apologies  
 there is no such thing as chaos

[Is] the start of a question  
 that which I do not understand  
 and remain silent  
 in the interest of not preferring one color lipstick over another

Chaos

is unregulated math  
 is a falling maple leaf  
 is a flood  
 is immaculate conception  
 is retirement

#### Apologies

chaos does not exist because  
 humility  
 sports religion declares a larger force called  
 god  
 [of the unknown] by what name  
 is my smallness it was my parents which  
 titled me entitled me

77

And were it a free country  
 [it] is a free country  
 and when it is not a free country [it] is a free country

The observer  
 the engineer  
 the collaborators  
 the photographer

The arts because of the empty wall  
 the naked seamstress  
 the large stone frog in the garden because  
 the chimera on the porch  
 the slow motorcycle the country road  
 the air the breath of air

#### Witness

the tandem acts of psychology and astronomy  
 language is where I have been  
 like a sticker on luggage  
 witness  
 determination for I become what I admire  
 is a concept say beauty say valor say adventure  
 is a source

78

The speculations in a row

the limits of speculation are time and  
a fallibility of genius

I am not a gambler  
say hypothesis say educated guess

Social cause robust social cause and predictability  
the futures market  
for believing in a way

There is a house for that  
come together with computers saying language  
saying numbers and trust

And who is not inclined to address  
an entering prosperity

Give it a name for its reproduction  
give it memory

79

It is too early for green the brown will do  
the air  
and the covered afternoon

Tease me

My thoughts are not restless though they are  
many places  
letting away the interior of civilization's winter  
hold

There is an owl

One foot in front of the other  
learning  
the difference between vocation and recreation  
a hardened soil  
path among the bent brown grass

This is a prairie  
bordered by an oak forest  
ask

who lets nature remain as nature  
lets a fire  
lets a shrubberies invade a grass area the officials  
burn the grass to let it start again  
near to this time every year  
prune a forest removing trees  
encroaching  
a parks

Making way for a smallness of civilization

80

Closer to home  
cut grass  
domestic wildlife domestic birds dependent on a feeder because  
they are curious to observe and they observe curiously  
a green space a border of trees a miniature forest  
between a here and a road

Closer to home  
meat loaf and brussel sprouts and seltzer water

What is timeless if not nature  
I appreciate your company and  
what is not forgotten

Closer to home  
is strategy for life's ambitions including  
a maintenance of status  
say  
if one person is a poet so too the others  
respond  
I have a question for you that sounds like an answer

Sunrise  
tomorrow

81

Aging  
the dead onion in the frigerator  
the bruised apple  
leftovers

The minor tasks are counted like math  
 the coffee pot is cleaned and dried and sent to the edge of the counter near the toaster  
 for tomorrow  
 there is no time  
 remaining

Must I watch a movie tonight  
 must I read a book  
 must I rest in silence  
 must I rest in peace

No  
 nothing is forbidden

It is the youth it is their coercion declares  
 a frames of age  
 it is their education declares  
 who is viable

What is the nature of social composition and  
 why do you continue to bother me  
 why do you ask me to vote for you

Bother

82  
 Open reading

The large book the biography  
 captured Pegasus but  
 it was only a constellation so there was no need to let it go because  
 a constellation cannot be captured  
 is a question of ethnoastronomy  
 like walking and dictating a letter to one's love  
 in some time  
 similar to know  
 without a consideration of the idea of distance  
 you say  
 I am wearing tennis shoes without socks  
 and yes clean underwear  
 to wander down to the new construction site to see

The small book the biography

is unwritten  
 an illustration of a pair  
 was saved in the interest of holding hands exclusively  
 and night  
 if we were to look about the moon but not the moon exactly  
 see those three [point]  
 no no the three over there without a popular name attached [point]  
 [then]  
 one star is not every star  
 they sound differently to each other and to us

83

Open reading

O light ambient light  
 all of the useless words revealed  
 I am speechless and do not pretend otherwise  
 thank you

My silence is no intentional offense  
 but for my attention and its judgment  
 upon your figure  
 I wish  
 you are not startled by my lack of restraint  
 say make yourself at home if you have not already

O sound upon our time  
 and without words for what is otherwise spoken  
 the back door is open  
 and there is wind whistling  
 about the ungreened trees

Language is near but not exact  
 that is why  
 there is a question about  
 the old bones in the ground  
 set into the earth for time for appearance  
 a constellation

84

Open reading

Shall I mention love

to see  
to see what your response will be

Shall I take you to winter  
next time around after  
we are done with the other seasons we might  
move the tables out of the way and sit near the fire  
wishing for nothing

Shall I cause with your consent  
shall I surprise you  
shall I acquire shall I have

Shall I give what has no name [it speaks]

85

My irrational is better than your irrational  
my irrational does not pretend to suspend science  
I just step around  
the price of gas  
the number of paces to the convenience store  
my irrational is my coalescence  
nor reason attached to watch a bee  
in the interest of mimicry in the interest of natural secrets

It  
is the labor of being to make law  
that we do not die too quickly  
adjusting for progress  
putting moratoria on that which travels too slow or that which is colorful only

I love you irrationally  
need it be said the same  
I love you  
is naturally irrational because  
I love you  
requires no qualifications unless a baby is intended  
then there is a measured science to

It  
the declaration of it  
do I suppose a given name is science enough [question]  
and what sparkles

and what turns like a planet turns  
 say  
 [folly] [say] folly with little deliberation

86

The big bird chased the little bird  
 about the cubicles  
 let it rest cornered in the corner near the water cooler  
 where the carpet was watermarked

Here

is where I will build a nest said the squirrel  
 high atop the flag pole  
 with red white and blue threads the patriot

See the light god  
 the surface  
 of the lake [up]  
 above the weeds

Destiny is up destiny is underwater  
 destiny is perspective  
 no two animals can exist in the same place at the same time but  
 they can think the same thought simultaneously

87

How to draw a straight line  
 without a tools of civilization  
 use a taut string no a string does not exist  
 drop a pebble and let gravity declare straightness  
 okay  
 just eyeball it  
 why do you need a straight line anyway

88

The vertebrate paleontologist  
 had brain surgery  
 performed on a dilophosaurus skull

I am guessing two hemispheres  
 everyone has two hemispheres

A neurological hypotheses associated with cranial cavities

is summed in a declaration of brain size

duh

so what

The diet of a dilophosaurus is greens

for gastroenterological regularity

and rabbits

but there were not really rabbits in early jurassica just what become rabbits

and

they were bigger

they were juicy

[maybe fish]

89

On the varieties of bats

of which there are

baseball bats

hairy flying bats

Variant

pillow batting

historical battle

On the varieties of hairy flying bats

of which there are

those with big nostrils

those which hang upside down except to urinate

those with hands

those with satellite sonar outer ears

those that eat

On the varieties of bats that eat

of which there are

those that eat fruit

those that eat flying insects

those that pierce an animal's skin and lick the blood

On the varieties of bats

of which there are

those that sleep during the day

those which are batmen and batwomen

On the varieties of bats which are batmen and batwomen

of which there are  
 several films  
 of which are believed to be fiction  
 a man with special skills changes a woman with special skills changes  
 because of a grudge against a darker humanity  
 eats caviar and communicates with a police commissioner

Meanwhile

The city bat eats mosquitoes

On the varieties of homelands to bats  
 of which there are  
 those that live in a city  
 those that live in a natural habitat  
 those that live in barns and attics and bat houses

It is  
 the natural habitat bats which are defensive  
 the natural habitat bats which have lived there for generations  
 the natural habitat bats which adapt to new conditions introduced by people

90

On the adaptations of people  
 like social adaptation  
 like genetic adaptation

It is a thousand years of war declares prosperity  
 we are nearly finished

On the adaptations of enemies  
 it is a bowling ball for the cannon we ran out of iron  
 no  
 it is a canon not a cannon

The handshake  
 with some regard to futility  
 and a basket of local apples  
 do you play euchre

91

I left the door ajar with the horseshoe doorstep  
 first pleasant spring day

it is not a horse horseshoe it is a horseshoe from the toss game horseshoe  
 anyway  
 fresh air and neighborhood sounds  
 some construction  
 mostly people inclined to shelter in place because of corona viruses with hundreds of purple and red arms  
 like the president

I did wander down to the construction site  
 saw the dirt movers move dirt

92

Of the foundations of hope  
 in which  
 a future is mentioned say  
 there are stages to accomplishment

The idea of progress the idea of structure  
 applied  
 unto the material limits of the body  
 a concert

Of the foundations of hope  
 in which  
 torment is separated from a good life  
 and reason gets reason

But to conquer is no quest  
 for stages into darkness one and another candle  
 and a trail of goodness  
 to return by

Of the foundations of hope  
 I am no more a mystery than you  
 it is my language  
 brings confidence to myself

I would like to go there some day  
 when the water is high and rushing  
 brown  
 to be healed to be let to be convinced

93

Of wolves and wives

of serpents and myth  
 of families and castles  
 of spiders  
 of ticks small and large

Of the odors of muck  
 of flightless swimming birds  
 of dragons and clouds shaped as dragons  
 of children and foxes  
 of volcanoes and the invention of time

Of consequence of trepidation of loss  
 of echoes and the cause of echoes  
 of turtles and the birds which ride upon their backs  
 of the kingdom plantae  
 of which fruit

I am at no loss but wonder

94

The eased social restrictions  
 authority  
 the door slowly opened  
 unto the blinding sight of the sun

It has been forty days to say  
 why congress will continue  
 an address  
 to death and what rests near to death

A slowness is a settlement  
 consider  
 the engines of social confirmation are not fueled  
 nor certainty

The world  
 epidemiology  
 little little littler  
 germs invisible germs

95

Placid [the stopped wind before sunrise]  
 nocturnal [but these are not dreams]

patience [I will follow you]

pastoral [as I did not sleep last night] [here upon the meadow] [then]

96

The cave dwellers

petitioned

humanity

And I in my smoking coat with the unlit pipe

I say

I suppose your view is good [nearly circumferential]

do you haul wood do you haul water

is your winter home near the meso american ball courts

And I in wood framed place

what will you call me

until there is no evidence remaining of my existence

97

The soul and the doldrums of the soul

without social reference

now

because atonement is complete since a mysteries are solved

by the canonical accountants

And you will not fade for all of the life of a soul

even if you memorize yourself

98

The cars with the tricky license plates affiliations

something needs be said

[clear throat]

Just to the grocery store for now honey

Do we need half and half

99

The bone thrower and the dog

got along

100

The bone thrower the bone champion the bone mistress

the dead bone the decomposing bone the meatless bone  
 the thigh bone the rib the middle finger bone

Supposing fashion  
 the bone earrings the mastodon beads the bone comb

All of the bones in a row  
 followed by the wolves the dogs  
 the domestic wolves the domestic dogs  
 running like play but really practicing

101  
 Kept a distance from the edge of the earth  
 no one had ever returned

Really it was paradise with trees and fruit and water  
 really there is no edge of the earth

And what were journalists were gone  
 supposing freedom and will and health

And with no typewriters and with no microcassette recorders to suppose history  
 uprooted a tree to put up a tent

A place of origins a colonial origins  
 braved a snow out of fear of falling from the edge of the earth

Paradise is a color paradise is a temperature  
 paradise tastes like mango

The schism  
 repopulated a gap

For every established opposites  
 there are infinite middle points

For which a lesson exists  
 for which a religion exists

102  
 In time and trust soon enough  
 life returns upon winter's close  
 that it was ever away is to say

reason for my own personal migration  
next year  
[next year]

103

It started as a whisper  
in which the evidentiary wind  
promised  
with greater and greater force

[!]

Should seek shelter

104

And the forces of humanity put away sight  
put away beauty  
but there is always a line there will always be a line to return to

And it is no digression to call the future  
what once belonged to the past

And there is no thievery in walking away  
from knowledge  
having known

The stoppable and the unstoppable  
there is a large library  
with ten equal clocks  
declaring where we have been  
ago

And if one could draw an evolutionary line  
one might know what comes next  
one might know what next is amazing  
before an eyes are lifted

105

All that I have written seems like straw (Aquinas when nearing completion of Summa)

There is a sentence  
turns into a conversation for memory  
spontaneously combusts

and I cannot remember the first line of importance  
 but I will be asked again  
 the start of the color green  
 and all of the rest will return to me  
 what had previously ended in flames  
 [recapitulation]

106

Enough dollars in the pocket to go for a walk  
 it is a day begun without conclusive thought  
 but a question

How is it  
 the warmth of the sun  
 disqualifies a varieties of intelligence  
 for the gymnastics of foot travel

I have suspended company in the interest of  
 becoming

The modern self is much more colorful than that which is already answered  
 the mystery of oneself  
 is to be taken where and how  
 say free will is to say how about one's death is important  
 if to offer some social regard to having been

How is it  
 the vast night sky  
 puts to rest wisdom for a moment  
 puts to rest information  
 for a needle of time

I went to the convenience store for a chocolate milk  
 it was midnight  
 I sat on the steps

107

So much history  
 where to begin

With the dinosaurs perhaps with geology perhaps

A religious persuasion [question]

scientific origins are more evidentiary than ten thousand years

Fascinating

a flying lizard said the fossil

Fascinating

let there be light and eventually a man who constructs a woman with whom he shares a divine apple

Fascinating

did you vote today [question]

108

Another cloudy day

spent

Wondering pathology the credentials of pathologism

fifty thousand

dead in this geopolitic

huddled amongst myself waiting for godot

The safest response to

boredom besides a skateboard is stargazing

Another cloudy day becomes

another cloudy night

spent

adventuring a book because

otherwise stargazing requires one or another varieties

of clarity

But for the credentials of pathologism defer unless one considers

a nature to

a mass ascension of souls

I am sorry for your loss

109

The clean water fell from the sky

was absorbed into the earth

found passage to that which feeds a river

The gravity of

this and that

kept the voyeur held the voyeur

Erosion and the forest at river's edge  
erosion and what prevents erosion  
a grass a root system  
erosion and nature erosion and time

Gravity to stand in reference to gravity  
I grow old standing  
I erode  
every day unto the ocean swept

The clean water fell from the sky  
the new water fell from the sky

I I O  
The aviary was protected on four sides  
the neighborhood overlooked development  
here

Do birds worry  
about sustainability

Population density is greater when [they] hang birdfeeders

There are four grocery stores within three miles

Population density is greater when [they] commercial support is near

The battered old bird [Elvis Costello]  
okay  
everyone sit still  
the owl is about to hoot

Shall we go shopping  
I have coupons

I I I  
It started as a whisper  
a second time  
no  
you cannot take care of yourself properly  
have a seat I will make you a salad

who does not die when asked may be a matter of who is asking  
 like the one with the largest astronomy or the one with the smallest astronomy  
 is a matter of taste really  
 I will have the balsamic vinaigrette today  
 honey

112

Sexuality  
 carnalism  
 like eating is carnalism and  
 there are two  
 memorably

No there was no moon  
 and were it the afternoon

But for the quiet  
 a bird yes a bird  
 it may have been the afternoon

Sexuality  
 procreation  
 requires a measure of arousal  
 foreplay  
 instinctively

The debate  
 with no center

it could have been the afternoon  
 I remember seeing you  
 in a natural light

113

The debate with no center  
 the party system the party organism  
 the bicameral legislature  
 a branches of governance  
 if the democrats if the republicans if the others would  
 just  
 just  
 the silent majority would sleep better

The debate is not  
exclusive to politics

Sexuality  
a simplified manner of communication  
reconciliation

It could have been the afternoon  
a subtle bird  
I think I heard an owl

114  
Need I mention love  
necessarily  
says one or the other or both  
need I mention silence

Need I mention poetics

Is a smell is a texture  
its assembly

Need I mention war  
and what couples in the darkness of war

115  
The stranger  
having given a name  
near enough to truth

The reason of sociology the sociology of reason

Commercial  
upon a degraded socialism  
acquaintance do we not speak the same language

I have no thing to say

The professional relationship  
the frames of a professional relationship  
the stranger  
in which I recognize your voice

The subordinate  
respond one contract is not another contract but for favors

The ordinate  
self actualized

116  
Much to consider  
in lending one's life to a cause

Commitment is no stranger to the inspired

Say the word love like family  
and twenty years later  
say the word love like family

The difference is math  
in which no department is contest  
sloppy joes for dinner unless we are vegetarians by now

And that is only  
romantic

Did I have a job

117  
The uniform density of a question of that question

baffle my daisy

Who do you write for who are you prepared to pay

Have you interrogated the bible

Who introduced you to the word sovereign

Who introduced you to the word solipsism

Who are you

So you can hold your breath longer than I  
I am sure that is important in some context  
like swimming from one submarine to another

I  
know a different certainty I like to keep quiet about  
the animals are  
smiling

Say  
tell me about suffering  
and whether one needs to suffer to know suffering

I 18  
In theory  
I am right

A variable is disclosure is reckoning  
try again

The laboratory is controlled for  
precipitation

Declared the field notes declared the unmuffled car with its wipers permanently on  
declared the slicker

If [things] could talk  
would you see it my way

The observatory at the bottom of the valley  
the observatory at the top of the mountain  
look different ways

Okay  
my question

Something about the correlation of the two observatories  
other than funding source

I 19  
What happens to memory when we die

Speculation is a goat's head  
speculation is stargazing  
speculation is a fishing hole  
speculation is a stock market

The postulate the theorem  
 but [that] is no consolation  
 were it consolation I seek

And I have not decided if it is important to know what happens to memory when we die

120

The ideas brushed off my shoulder  
 onto the dirt path

They were old and little and crusted

The new ones are sticky and developmental  
 and curious

Until I no longer call them ideas  
 nor seeds

Today is different than yesterday  
 differently ambitious  
 differently settled into loss and accumulation  
 different news

121

The found idea  
 on the surface of the dirt trail  
 having been stepped on and rained on was partially concealed

Into a pocket like a pretty piece of glass

It is apparent it had been used  
 but its color was returning like newness

The answer to your question about  
 the difference between two ages is  
 reluctance and motivation

A languages can be translated but are no promise to communication

And no  
 the found idea was not about productivity  
 it is about a shiny object of good fortune

for my pocket because

122

The conditions of belonging  
may or may not require otherness

Am I so inclined to assume my own body  
and its parts  
are the ends of being

Or to say what does belong to me is invited  
is accepted

Belonging may be a psychological sociological attitude  
of myself unto another or others

And say the folds of otherness accept the folds of otherness

The moon belongs to this planet  
in turn  
the hierarchical notions of what astronomy is dependent on what astronomy  
what science is subject to what science

The conditions of belonging are  
a measured possession  
and require no value

And to say union and for how long  
what limits then

And when it is completed  
who gets to keep the language

123

Indifference is as causal as determination  
I have no memory  
I have forfeited interest

Indifference is a cloud like any cloud  
I was just curious

The causal cloud rained and rained held back the sun  
as expected

My cause  
is unnatural  
my indifference  
is unnatural  
excepting air pollutants and their relation to cloud formation and

Rain

124  
Social inversion  
how weary does one need to be  
to address an appearance of truth  
navigate  
in an opposing direction

Say reason is their attachment for following  
a course other than  
status

The occupation of the big house is  
the occupation of land

To live alone and with no attachments

A course of change  
administrative change amongst oneself  
but to believe  
we otherwise gather together  
deciding an ascendent and a descendent thoughts

I roll over in bed  
nor thoughts of requiring  
one or other liberty or station of liberty

The libertarian  
who is convinced [question]

The channel for social inversion  
is separated from its conception  
the congress of social inversion is its application  
its administration

125

The hummingbird  
set down upon the branch  
stopped its little wings  
breathed too fast for my notice  
lept darted away

126

The environmental system  
references dependence interdependence

Were a given environment  
one hundred  
requires a return of one hundred  
in the interest of sustainability

I could categorically mine the qualities of environmental being  
in theory  
drive my internal combustion engine home  
and return  
in theory

Take a picture  
say beauty and the limits of beauty  
discern  
and say language

It is no tax it is no appropriation of an environment  
to appreciate

Is it not

But spectacle is spectacle and soon  
the possessors not realizing what is fragile  
where upon

A cabin is put [then] where there was no cabin

127

The hummingbird  
charged me  
nor fear except my own startled being  
green

with little eyes

128

You are required to form an opinion  
right and wrong

The preservation of species is an ecological consideration  
the selfist  
the dependent selfist

The consumer  
returned ten of every hundred

And the lifeless stay of numbers  
to admit one's part requires a retaliatory giving  
one tree for one tree

And a lifeless struggles for one's own organism  
worry

You are required to form an opinion

129

One tree hill  
monochrome for the rain  
early spring  
tall grass not risen for the season  
a started leaves  
silhouette against a clouds

Perspective  
the clouds reach the base of the tree

I am at the bottom of the hill

And if there were a moon  
revealed  
it would show through the mundane the regular it would travel through the mundane the regular  
it would hold me  
until it is registered [then] it would continue

130

Weary to say darkness once more

the atrophy of the muscles  
 the atrophy of the intellect  
 the atrophy of the spirit

Were I convinced of the size of my individualism

And such an effort to say relevance among  
 all  
 of the other individualisms about  
 but to shed a collectivism for what is required  
 like efficiency

Darkness for to have been rapt in a place  
 rapt upon limits  
 rapt for the inescapability of the imagination while sequestered

The weary poet  
 escaped with a word  
 for living

131  
 Can you tell me a story  
 about what is best  
 and how to know the difference

Is suffering required

Can you tell me a poem  
 about language

Can you tell me a poem about time  
 a short poem

And without numbers

Can you tell me a story  
 from memory from good memory

132  
 Getting up early to read  
 unkempt  
 the sound of coffee  
 early church history travels through philosophy and territorialism

maybe it still does  
wonder

133

And were philosophy inclusive of poetry and were poetry inclusive of philosophy

There are words  
beauty  
reason

There are words  
hummingbird  
instrument

There are words  
proximal  
study

There are words  
teleology  
sustainability

There are words  
density  
satisfaction

The slowness in which the words arrived

The displaced words for he only registered  
eighteen words a minute

But for her vocabulary spoken

What is not philosophy what is not poetry  
the categorical dismissal

But for the justice of faith

134

The crucible the melted silver  
liquid rolls  
into the mold the ring  
definition

is a shape called symbol  
called promise

135

First light  
colored the east the sky in my direction soon  
all of the day  
what remains

The divisions of astronomical being  
superstition and the eclipse  
harvest moon  
the end of the day

As not to suffer  
simplicity  
the constellation and another  
a horse and a crab

136

Form and content  
there is soil beneath your nails

Arbitrary  
a row of cucumbers a row of tomatoes

Jurisdiction and authority  
may or may not exist

It is public land  
with pheasants with apartments with pheasants

They come they go  
redeeming themselves

I have a question of nature  
form and content

137

The riddled face of destiny  
old  
I cannot help but climb into you like I climb into the sun  
soon

becoming  
death  
I do not think about and I am not weary

138

The fresh air is a chill  
the full sun the morning

Do you recall such a sharp attitude

Brought about

In the park the fountains and god's smaller creatures  
saying a variety of nature civil nature

What I am here for is a question

A monotonies held me this morning  
a stirred monotonies  
and regular nature is too far away  
except the imagination of where I have been

There is a waterfall no  
there is a water fountain named for veterans  
there is a cement path

What I am here for is a question  
I have not decided

139

The dog  
the bitch

Ate grass

Read something about ritual studies  
lit a candle

Returned

140

A moment of indecision  
cause for aging

wrong of me to word it in that fashion  
but I was alone  
you see  
and did not know you were listening

141

How I shelter my younger self  
and for what purpose to regard  
a spent life and the foundations of a spent life  
require

I was born in february I think it was a saturday ten in the morning  
in a building

Thank god for food

Ask what is my own if not my ideas  
I am an artist and maybe a thing other than artist  
like the opposite of an artist  
[standard]

The decision to euthanize the ants in the driveway  
with a magnifying glass  
has not troubled me  
the bb gun hunting of the sparrows is  
a recurring bear on my conscience however

How I shelter my younger self is  
to imagine a younger self and how I come to be  
in a rational manner  
in a linear manner

And when I am then  
and when I am young and present and full  
saying determination for what is given

Autonomy and the direction of one's soul  
the body the vehicle

Keep at arm's length from badness

Retain one's own vocabulary in addition to them's [that] [theirs]

Keep one's younger self young like an anchor  
twined to a kite

142

All fades away  
a parts remain  
small little disconnected things  
ecology is local  
discovery is locally relevant

The greatest thing in the world is a consideration of the universe  
and for what I know for what I am  
the limits of experience  
a standardization to a directed existence

The greatest thing in the universe is the self  
and prove me otherwise  
this imagination is not reserved to a physical ness  
for where we come and where we go is  
speculation nor refuted

O

all fades away  
if not before I die [then]  
a great separation requires a great reattachment  
a reassembly  
and all of experience is not prepared to believe  
the impact of a mango tree on a polar bear

Believe

when I am crossed and done so too  
my worth once sheltered is added to  
a swell garage sale  
if not a library

Believe

and what I have invented so too you shall invent  
[recapitulate]  
for I have left a trail of tumbled stones  
shiny and lucky  
that are just as good for tossing in a lake as they are  
for inhabiting another's memory

All fades away  
 and it will be your all resembling mine  
 in turn next generation's will fade away  
 just in time to be caught by  
 the next youth

Such is a social consideration though  
 and were I to care about just myself say  
 all fades away  
 gone  
 I have no reason not to trust astronomy but so too astronomy  
 gone  
 all fades away

143  
 The observance of gravity  
 for even the weightless leaf  
 for even the butterfly  
 for even the bird responds

Ultimately

A conditions the wind the light the provenance of the wind the provenance of the light

And I require no faith to fall  
 to be caught by land and reassembled like learning

Nor a hardness is gravity itself  
 it is a hardness interferes with motion  
 the ball  
 the hardness of the road against a rolled tires  
 the hardness of land  
 beneath my feet

And to accept gravity as common and without word for  
 [it]

Were I to never be without  
 that which holds me to physical truth  
 is to say

Will you stay with me  
 among what is familiar

noticing what is present with words  
held in orbit

I44

The provenance of the wind  
the tree  
nudged the cloud  
but the stars do not move the stars are otherwise conditioned  
the leaf and about the leaf

What umbrella bends back and out  
flies gone  
pushing air and fact

What bird does soar causes gale and gale  
a contest of force for what begins

I remember winter  
how a drifting snow is cause for an eastward pattern a storm  
and the summer whitecaps on the big pond  
force a familiar history  
I remember summer

Wind you are my enemy today wind you are my friend today  
listen  
a sound of sailing  
the sail the falling bow and again and again  
metronome

The kite  
attached to the cloud do I not see the air and what becomes  
of air

I45

The provenance of the light  
twilight begins  
and before twilight if light be still and patient it is the moon

Natural light is an accord with time  
but the fire  
and was it Edison invented fire  
called out to most civilizations in a profound voice  
[marshmallows]

It is noon

It is the vernal equinox

It is the equator

The flashlight in the cave  
the candle and the wit of the candle

The doctrine of light  
things grow here  
turn colors  
marry one another

And the shadow spent into night

146

The balance of democrats and republicans  
social circumstance and my response  
the polarization of equity  
five of each  
responding this fire and that fire  
the institution of fire is a calling  
the senator attended a public school and so did the other  
wherein light and the fascination of light  
and shadows  
is a push to do clever and neat [things] with one's intellect  
like industrial arts

The balance of democrats and republicans  
a greater context is required  
in the elevation of one party or the other in an essentially two party system  
wait  
they will grow hungry again  
a frenetic elections a frenetic campaigns  
never ends and if I would have it in any other manner  
I would rally another word than democracy

The balance of democrats and republicans  
is measured in seats  
and it is not so easy to appoint reason when reason is  
a self appointment

given life in a city requiring social services given a rural life lacking  
 nearby health care  
 the diversity of the chamber in what is shared  
 and for some that is forty and for some that is twenty  
 [then]  
 one hundred is the middled balance of democrats and republicans  
 aye  
 nay  
 representation

147

Just because  
 one believes something does not make it so  
 speculation and the force of speculation  
 where the stars come from  
 and whether the pocket knife is utilitarian or defensive  
 what happens when we die  
 and whether bigger is better  
 and whether homegrown is more important  
 the value of a liberal arts education  
 just because  
 belief feeds faith and the dynasty of faith

And were I to believe in such a [way]  
 as to behave in such a [way]  
 consistently  
 the love of a family for example as origin for  
 regular participation in a regular workforce  
 to get a house  
 to get a car  
 to get a child  
 and were I to believe in the encroachment of other nations  
 [then] respond and speak  
 vote

Just because  
 it is cold and winter and kites are on sale  
 how fun it will be  
 when the weather turns I expect [I believe]

148

The small motorcycle  
 with road tires

on the dirt path  
like a horse a noisy horse

149

Were feminism a sport for feminists  
and a varieties of psychology a varieties of philosophy  
a varieties of thought  
each to their own

A social impregnation by a school of thought  
undermines an existence of regularity  
for its shortcomings and or its perceived shortcomings

Say power to the people  
for not all are yet whole and require  
some salvation

And were there a force of fifty percent of the population  
differentiated by a female qualities  
endowed by a female qualities and say  
only a woman can understand such a plight  
but listen to me to say what I say

Because  
reason is attached

And reluctance to live by a menus of thought  
an order  
in which peace and blame and a categorical normalcy  
reflect an aged governing paternalism  
historically to the exclusion of a popular segment

Asking

And wondering

150

Why it is I assume  
the importance of my own deeds

Ownership of labor

I started a corporation called museum

with old growth trees  
older than I

A birds echo

And the needles fallen upon the frame of earth  
beneath

Like gravity and what is the opposite of gravity  
if not a bird

151

The doctrine of enchantment  
the spells  
the book of the souls is still being written  
every

Starts from the beginning with a word  
about water  
and fear of drowning

And there is no damnation to be taken in by love  
and the varieties of love  
like smell

It is the wind memorized  
yesterday  
and need I ask of the importance of today  
standing knee deep in water without clothes  
no  
it is understood and requires no memory

For being

And no I do not know where a soul goes after  
I dry

152

The bumble bee  
bumped into the screen

From the inside [exclamation]

No

I am welcome here

I do not know how you come about

Bounding a flower to another pollinating

Let me open the door for your return  
to nature

153

The seed the tree the forest

Listen was a beat of a sundown and its return

The bud the flower the leaf

There is no part lesser than another including my own

Constitution

The floor

Of nature is compost for the next

Used and dead and risen again

Carrying a souls of history

154

The rain is gone today I had not considered the rain  
the sky is completed in blue

The lawnmowers the lines left in the grass

The chapel on the hill near Indian Lake

The dump truck gone about the efforts of dumping

It is a fine day for a full moon

What other attention exists is answered in language  
o me I do

regard

155

One two three

The garden is not a garden for it exists without I  
a fence about a forest is no garden  
nothing is owned the orchard is not owned

The peach the conditions of the peach the apple

One two three

Is the lapse of possession the return of possession  
grace

Is a question whether that which is introduced  
is nature

Is a question of what is bounded framed by  
my own efforts  
is nature

One two three

Nature returns to nature before and after I

156

Invasive species  
and to believe one is intended

Things grow here fertility things die here

Said life

Do not suffocate on carbon emissions  
do not spoil the river  
do not antagonize the fish and the elk and the coyotes

Said the web of life

Invasive species  
is a territorial notion

habitat adaptation natural selection species survival

The origin of species

who was here first

157

Bats in a cave

the cavern

lit with a torch they are everywhere sleeping dormant

guano

The torch

kerosene alight

They come out sundown

radar bugs information shriek

shriek

rabies hairy dirty bats with tiny fingernails on tiny fingers at the end of skin wings

black

Tiny fangs and big ears

Have you been to the underworld

do you have a habit of sin

are you being punished

Are you doing penance

The pope and the bat

the poet and the bat

Winter when the bugs are gone

whether bats migrate

the last bat

158

The middle age of man in which

resources are not yet troubled and there is no printing press

word of mouth is a station the cryer

what today deserves a blessing is an ecclesiastical question

I recognize myself

Eight hundred years forward is twelve hundred years backward  
is the same candle burning

The righteous manner of subtle defense  
and there is no division to what is divided

This house and all who enter  
and their vocabulary

A strength to history  
is not all of history considered presently  
a temporal context to context I say

I recognize myself

Turns history to philosophy but philosophers love and historians can only talk about who loved when

159

The categorical assembly of nature includes the categorical assembly of civilization  
continues into the night  
the angels are hard workers were one to believe in angels  
declare this is perfect  
and now again this is perfect

The trees are no bother they practically raise themselves  
and the whales  
given proper nutrition do not require oversight

Who invented the moon  
what an idea  
for poets  
and for poets who are lovers the idea  
of death at arms length like a tease and to say why it is beauty is sustaining

There was an ocean here  
before the war

Assembling virtue a poem against another  
a heavy poem outliving folly  
say leave folly to the young and young at heart  
every generation  
a heavy poem is better bent from microfiche if not paper

I am directed and if I am not directed I am directed  
smattered with free will and thoughts of free will

160

The absurdity of discretion

But there is control there are variables like  
ten percent of statisticians are homosexual were there reference to  
a general population

Indiscretion is a moth at a lamp at midnight  
any old lamp

See

Nor I recall the difference of the other and the other

Absurdity is a cat the routines of a cat  
discretion is mine the independent variable is mine  
were I a student a researcher an examiner

Tell me  
your favorite color  
and give it no shape give it no formation  
nor is it a cloud  
I will say green exists within Psyche

Declares Cupid

161

A patterns found in nature an aerial view

Were the humans  
drawing lines with corn in the interest of efficiency  
were the roads designed  
to send an equal amount westbound as to an amount eastbound  
lines and squares from an airplane

Were civilization natural I am inclined to say yes  
unto a crippling of other natures or nature's wholeness

A patterns found in nature

It makes sense  
that a trees in a forest are equally spaced  
it makes sense  
the territorial ways of the dog of the bear of the owl  
it makes sense  
a patterns of migration

A varieties of leaf patterns spiral  
opposing  
a seed with two hemispheres  
a species competent between two latitudes  
flourishes between the same two latitudes on another content

The seasons

Deoxyribonucleic acid

162

Clean water

Fresh air

Dirt just dirt

Fresh snow

An apple from a tree  
from the ground

All of the animal

163

The improvisation of destiny  
were god to have been misplaced

I was elsewhere doing laundry and making breakfast

Find me a nail by which to hang  
an image of Walt Whitman  
on the wall  
just in case

There is no god figuring what is important

Imagarily speaking  
were I to have deferred my imagination

164

Death is easy to talk about without reference  
the course of nature the course of life  
time consumes the living

That which exists exists terminally  
for a stone is gone when I am gone  
and the sky are they not

And the same for them and them  
what was present is no longer staged but who can say  
the others but the others themselves

There is no counter to death but to have made provisions for  
a line of reference  
what remains is given

A lifeless features  
and where I am carried without anchor  
for it is not I am going I am aware

Closer to want I trust  
and what resistance when a sociology folds without  
legacy

It was not important is said  
no  
there was no reason for democracy like there was no reason for winter you brought

The stone is enough for memory  
and all it touches  
say the word foundations like the word character

Was yours  
for repair  
I found it in a path the same stone I am certain

165

About birds

like the flightless  
like the migratory  
like the predatory like the raptors

A beak a feathers  
eggs  
but that is only taxonomy

What dare a swimming bird think  
what dare a condor think among a cliffs  
what dare a wading bird think  
and a hummingbird at nectar

Birds and space

Birds living in barns near bats

Nocturnal birds

Is but a list to say a winged creatures  
without thumbs  
nevertheless intelligence  
modeling flight for humans  
living sustainably allowed a nature

166

I went to the grocery store wearing a mask  
everyone was wearing a mask  
cordial  
yogurt and eggs and juice  
sold out of disinfectant

Paranoia is shrewd given an invisible nature

Really they are not invisible they are just really small  
salivarily airborne  
covered with one hundred purple arms  
to latch to a bronchial airways  
cause death

What joy for a virus to cause the death of a host  
before transmission  
I do not know

I went to the convenience store wearing a mask  
 just one customer in the store at a time  
 she was wearing a mask too  
 cordial  
 cigarettes

I had heard cigarette smokers have lower rates of death  
 something about airways  
 I can accept that as a good excuse  
 [filterless please]

167

Original thought  
 original assumption by which  
 an elaboration of reason for the sustain of an original assumption original thought

Religion explains beauty like creation  
 explains toil  
 explains a position upon a loss  
 or were it called an internal psychology a predisposition  
 started upon an early experience or genetics  
 and say faith upon a directed outcome  
 and say faith  
 like religion explains

And were it deferral to rationalize beauty  
 or say revelation  
 needless  
 for beauty still exists does it not for what need not be said

The spectacle the intersection of game trails  
 the spectacle the waterfall the experience the swim in the waterfall  
 were a varietal form of divinity

Original thought and the observance of disaster the storm the flood  
 the drought  
 punishment  
 do not take it personally god is still inherently good  
 is said who  
 listens

168

We have twenty five years between us  
 we have sixty years between us  
 we have a hundred years between us  
 we have one hundred and fifty years between us  
 such is numbers  
 such is the consolidation of value  
 in a way

Is said experience can solve a problem after the first time

Are we not likened to perfection  
 let and imagined from a hundred years ago

What struggle is ended what cause begun

The faded paint

The tree farm

Plastic

The virus

169

Consolidation of the souls  
 history in the form of a perennial plant deciduous  
 for comparison  
 the conifer

The baptism another

In which time is consent for  
 ways

[They] and [!]  
 suppose  
 stick with the plan the plan is reasonable just  
 requires occasional evolutionary amendments

And when [they] and [!] start over from scratch  
 suppose  
 suppose  
 supposing a new plan is reasonable for reference

okay

there may have been something there something to return to something to mark  
 even if it is old  
 even if it is self adjusted and did not stick to its own original plan

170

The rainbow spanned a parcel the horizon  
 and the golden light ambient for the gone rain  
 the opened sky is partial blue yet  
 and the sun yet

Yet

I am busy and informed I have seen a rainbow previously and  
 I have no superstition for science  
 except for beauty except for interest  
 which are psychologically if not neurologically lent

The rainbow is a good one however  
 sharp  
 and reaches all the way to the earth on both sides  
 a faint hint of a second saddling rainbow  
 enough for greater attention to the first

The rain was quick and from the west

The fading rainbow

Now

it is common  
 again

171

The common sky regular the common maple the common hawk  
 regular  
 the common automaton reaching for experience  
 called away called about for the improvisation of humanity

Left to himself left to herself  
 who is not an artist who is not a creator

Left to the sport of collectivity who is not lined  
 into proper social forms religion and journalism and science  
 in what interest that we travel to understanding

holding hands and eating the same food drinking the same local wine  
 communion  
 and regular enough to be common  
 I will not be painting today I am not a painter today

172

Social relevance is perspective  
 those that travel without a burden  
 give names  
 take images

A polite ness of experience among the unfamiliar  
 for them who have responded longer  
 to what conditions to what beauty

What do [they] say what do [they] invent

Maybe it was the car with windows that closed  
 a heater  
 social relevance is a particular radio station  
 a drive through roast beef sandwich

There is a road every place I care to travel  
 and where the road does end  
 there is a path  
 all of the paths are completed and yes I say such a thing wishing it were not true

And the confines of social relevance  
 a common language a common sport a common food  
 leave it to what ministry to address a melancholy soul  
 leave it to what department inspiration

One idea may be better or worse than the next  
 and left to the container of humanity is to regard  
 how a population does shift and schism and shift

The greatest idea ever introduced is humility  
 no  
 the greatest idea ever introduced is sin  
 no  
 the greatest idea ever introduced is heaven  
 no  
 the greatest idea ever introduced is evolution

no  
 the greatest idea ever introduced is agriculture  
 no

What is common  
 and what is uncommon and without yield  
 mention a poet as a social point for perspective  
 spying from a mountaintop fire tower in all directions  
 camped with a friend

173

In a week  
 the animals with human bodies and wolf heads  
 the elephants with eight arms  
 the snakes as they are

In a week  
 the field  
 will be cleared for civilization including those not included  
 all of life will be remembered

In a week  
 the theatre of combustion the theatre of the untrue  
 blasphemy and voice  
 there is a list

In a week  
 the flowers will invite the bees the working bees  
 change is upon  
 us demonstrating what has been demonstrated

In a week  
 the wild creeps from neighborhood squares and medians  
 the invisible mice  
 the absurd

In a week I will pass to the next having memorized  
 what is carried forward from what is lent  
 imagine  
 decay like an account for what is absent

In a week  
 the fish the seeds of the fish come from the water

formation is adaptation  
would you care for tobacco

174

Nature is automatic is governed is ungoverned  
I inhabit what curiosity for knowing

Speculation and a direction to speculation  
an educated guess

The tide returns I have seen reliably  
is no temper

Is the garden I put the domestic life and creeps  
in that which exists without human frames

The accumulation of the night sky  
I say the same as the day like trust

What is ungoverned but I for want  
attaches me to nature but declares I am

Unique  
other  
consuming  
privileged

175

Today is catalogued put with the rest  
change was change that is all

The foresight of ambition is rational  
put forward from history and will be contained in history

When the substance of tomorrow too rests  
[do I not face the other direction] [then]

The grateful being spent among time's continuity  
how is it the others

Principle and the satisfaction of principle  
is I choose a proper colors presentation

Among those who communicate  
rehearsing humanity and silently rehearsing humanity

176

Littler things and the shape of littler things  
the electron  
everything is made of dust and dust's composite  
water is made of dust and the air is made of dust  
if not fire

A concession to god a concession to adhesive  
the smallest sound is a yell is a yelp is a yawp  
the smallest sound is a song of itself

A categorical wisdom to the finitude of possession  
the smallest currency is a penny melted  
into an earring  
traded for an old magazine with articles  
about a silver dragonfly cross about a friendly bichon friese poodle

Littler things subtler things the weather  
I  
am self evident  
such perspective for cause is time to plant a plant  
only I will see

The molecule the mitochondria

The baby  
the kitten

Childhood

And upon one's gathered age reflect time  
is little

177

Autonomy and self reliance I hear  
the difference between experience and genetics  
what exposure is life upon a body's palette

And a hardness to memory  
certainty for the evidentiary and a secondary certainty

for what is spelled for what is spoken

Tell me a story for reason other than science  
 the one about the talking dogs  
 watching green fish swim

Reluctance is unreliable [herald]  
 there are far too many variables [no one is autonomous] [but trending to autonomy]  
 [who grows their own tea] [question]

And what language then  
 will one have for themselves when they are no longer social  
 and what reason for a vocal chords

A vocabulary for oneself like a song  
 autonomy and a degrees of autonomy  
 from the familiar again and again

178

Remembrance and the terms of remembrance  
 tickled with the sky  
 I comment

I like clouds but there are none today  
 light is nature and beyond the blue  
 the permanence of night  
 in which the distribution of peace in a way  
 is larger than a thought of the distribution of peace

I remember  
 when a bottle of grape soda was twenty cents

The relativity of memory is a call  
 churns to the surface of attention  
 a good memory is the invention of autonomy

I remember

The lecture about a paleontological expedition lasted two hours  
 [tertiary]  
 I was not invited on the trip but found the lecture enlightening

I remember the lecture

conjoined with my imagination  
it is not the same

I remember  
when dinosaurs inhabited the world  
in a way I remember

179

The mask of the crow  
fitted to a human cranium

What is he then  
dancing about a fire

With big head with borrowed ideas of nature  
[possession]

And to be spellbound upon a simulation  
soon he will go completely

Nor longer pretending  
humanity

The forest interior  
and the vocabulary of the forest

Caw  
caw

180

An unsettlements of simulation  
I had not realized who I was communicating with

The color brown the form of the bear  
forgive me

I have not left my body I have not left my temper  
and I am sincere

Carrying words to a friend  
were I to say simulation is no longer

Upright and borrowing like I but complete

a bear with no name but what they give you

181

The predication of nature

Is a system

But for those that eat one another

but for those that eat soil

The organism and the list of the organism

light

heat

consumption

digestion

The solvency of nature

is no stage to my recreation

Let alone

Is a system of trusts

But that is only biology

but that is only language

When I am hungry and concerned

of hunger

Environmentalism

speaks from its interior

182

The difference between a black bear and a blackbird

the difference between a blue whale and a bluegill

Is perspective is a calling

is diet

Is mating ritual is language is appearance

is habitat

The yellowfin tuna is not the bluefin tuna

the redshouldered hawk is not the redtailed hawk

Is the expression of place its provisions  
adaptation is an idea is a thought is a word

183

On balance everything regards everything

On balance there is no change and can be no change

Is a closed system of dependence  
the air the water what is consumed

And it is not novel to say what happens to one  
in another's absence  
is a break to the ecologies of humanity  
it is logic  
when a social organism outweighs an environment  
the others retreat or die  
say nature requires time to return

And if a fix were considered I ask of a troubled system  
I wish it were not considered in the interest of humanity  
but for its own goodness  
the right thing to do  
and said otherwise than a natural habitat or preserve because  
such a designation is isolating  
and irregular

Rather a mind for life  
I walk among  
is not a mind for justice and species preservation  
but coexistence

The roads and the airplanes and the fences  
limit thoughts of coexistence as a pure idea

Such is local

Globally an ecosystem exists as well  
and the interdependent ways are affected in  
pollution  
deforestation

with cause to temperatures diets  
and extinction

184

A closed system with a membrane  
all about  
the skin of a human encloses a system dependent on greater systems

The city the system  
dependent  
the nation the system categorically socially human

The pond the algae the frog the fish  
what is introduced

The one room schoolhouse categorically socially human  
affects a greater environment  
a lines of motivation a lines of reason

185

Where to start

Doing

Withdrawing

Concerning the weather concerning the water concerning the mild winters concerning habitats concerning trees  
concerning the atmosphere

Go figure

My own habitat my own hibernation  
as life is started and ended in my absence

Good

Because what is dependent requires I acknowledge including  
some measure of separation from  
that which consumes

A habitat among habitats regard home regard familiarity

And this is no lesson to people living in an animal kingdom

people transcend an ecologies by their brut presence

[Withdraw] [and wear a softer footstep] [and try mining at a landfill]

186

What is a book a story book  
with an ending  
satisfactory and with an ending

All of the characters settled into rows  
having decided

I know these chambers  
time is an aphrodisiac time is lent time is friendship  
time is familiarity

And trust in being a way  
nature  
is a story book held aloft in which  
each species is a mind for self determination

Lives travel forward understanding limits  
[reference god but not religion]

Ask what is the mind of the individual  
relative to the mind of the collective

The incidence of freedom noticed freedom  
is a call  
to separation  
[but we all go] [this time] [because of a promise]

What is a story book  
sequestered near a fire

What is a story book in which I am  
a character  
choosing my own character

And there are no people there were but there are no more  
choose a species  
herbivore carnivore mountains equatorial plains

How many babies will you have every year  
are you monogamous  
do you migrate  
are you social do you have a language

187

The problem  
with having a garden is its existence  
is a slight to actual nature

A fence a frame a plot  
a yard

A vegetable garden

The problem of exclusivity is the problem of museums  
in which art assumes a natural state a resting state  
nor longer regards creation

There are too many artists to be romantic  
to be original  
there are too many artists for the warehouse

There are too many gardeners without regard for nature  
exterior  
enabling owned land on weekends  
and a mind for municipal collectivity the remainder of the week

The tomato gallery  
it is the least can be done  
tomatoes practically grow on their own and petunias

A vegetable garden a vegetable gallery  
wrapped in a wire fence

The problem with a garden  
ask the hunters and gatherers  
with strong bodies and character

The gatherer found a garden  
was picked up by the police

The hunter ate a farm raised pig

was picked up by the police

Is a question of faith [in the event of an apocalypse]  
[gardening as a hobby] [saving seeds]  
[in the event of an apocalypse]

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A way of words  
passing through existence  
marking acknowledging

What language freely comes  
for notice  
and what silence for appreciation

And were it discretion  
to hold oneself away keep oneself exterior  
from a grander inclusion

Do no harm  
[nature is not fragile]  
[nature is fragile]

Do no harm  
it is sunday and there is a path  
[church is closed for epidemiological reasons]

An invitation to the standard well  
an invitation to the standard nature  
come

Culture is a poem  
from a place no one has been before  
culture is a song is a line drawing

The house is culture  
with a room for words and images  
studio

And slowly culture crept creeps  
nature is pulled out of itself  
demystifying

Taken  
opened  
mapped

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How is it nature is returned to nature  
acknowledge  
oneself as natural

The embeds of natural philosophy are started at birth  
assume  
culture is complement to culture nature is complement to nature  
and were they separate  
maybe  
acknowledge at one time a culture was drawn from place  
and held in reason  
[it] nature  
still exists without question  
it is a culture that asks

Acknowledge  
but yours is no jurisdiction for what is fenced  
were it called public were it called park

The wrapped park like the museum  
called a place of ideas nor nature actual  
just resembling

The idea of a social oversight to nature is troubling  
because  
nature governs itself as a system  
independent of postmodern efforts at natural health

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Nor a sequestered way the city  
morphology is a redirection to an internal spirit

And outward and growth declares the last century  
lines and squares

There is a path for witness for tour  
see

And the air without sound I am far enough away  
displaced

The membrane of nature or the membrane of the city  
[question]

Say the membrane of the city is its charge  
it is nature is its seed from within

