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M A D I S O N

forgive me

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I was light in the heart

I was making excuses

murder

cost one hundred and twenty three dollars for a cheap seat

defining hate crimes

pulled sentiment through the hole of a sewing needle gathered sentiment

put it in a jar with a monarch cocoon

there are some things we agree on do we agree there are some things we agree on
the diaspora thing

always in reference to an elsewhere perhaps

say eleven generations for a declaration of local being

the heart of the contest is a puzzled wonder of how one is complementary to
another

another patience another pluralism I knew that already

the heart of the contest is that there is no contest

but to walk into each of our existential corners and sit there for a time out

[said the analyticists]

the brown bread the beef stew the recipe published online

in the interest of some measure of communion it warms a soul even if one is alone

it rained it rained like tears say and the weather

cold and funerary

brings to mind the apologetics of justice the apologetics of suffering

where one ultimately *was* instead of the grocery store instead of the library

the sabbath the seventh day

vanity is a wash vanity is a list vanity is a superhero vanity vanity

suppose a native America but not *that* native America

suppose a promise and a promise like austerity mixed with prosperity

the governing force of borrowing principles is exposure is a question

process

the slow return of willfulness is ambient and separated

keep your braided hair friend I call you never having met

The subtle waste of indecision requires interest perhaps but who

is responsible for

another

for naming another then what is authority the parent the patern

organic

the tall grass bends upon itself the wind
October lays stillness for the stars for wait
the apples
flavor is hunted venison the carrots the potatoes

the organic material of thought nature is
bends upon itself memory does form a contest
against against the synthetic oils of indecision
that which is no attachment to reason

free caught salmon free range poultry the
guise of littler and littler poetry mushrooms
salt
all of the books shelved I have no open books

experience but I
I have no thought for this or that I am
responding in a voice sometimes loud and sometimes whispered
giving names calling names at this and that

I do not fear justice I have never been exterior to justice
say organic for faith
faith is what I call faith that is why
I have never been exterior to justice exterior to a system

a single pumpkin kept at the door as utilitarian as a pie
I suppose
the freeze tonight the organic freeze
the organic geese migrating bumping a will

writing

is said by whom 'to think is not to write'
writing is not suffering
writing is not an expulsion of ideas
the writer is not a life coach unless the writer is a life coach then

a terrible thing happened
and I am not just saying that because that is what the newspapers said
there is a germ of unrest and with no account
today eleven Americans were laid to rest

writing is not indifferent is not simulation is simulation
is original even the copycat is original if
[the plagiarist]
the assignment of new meaning is a question of context

the unread books stacked upon the table somewhere
within there is newness
just a matter of time just a matter of coincidence to figure
that damn problem of bats

when was the last time I read a book cover to cover ask
poetry books are not quite so simple I hop around
I like the middle readers the Newberry books I suppose
a month ago two weeks ago something philosophy

writing is not journalism unless writing is journalism
and were it an obligation a responsibility [they] should know
and were it a journalist's cause for the poet say
I cancelled my subscription a decade ago because

I did not like to exit my front door in my bathrobe
for fear of being locked out
good news is slow but some news requires a more rapid call

the sights of prosperity
a waterfall just a waterfall
nor longer time is enough to recognize it differently
fertility is an inspiration a possibility is
comparatively
a conditions are trust to one's line
ultimately
it was not so bad not so strange upon the twentieth season of giving
but that is old that is contest again and again that is old
a proper source of want is that which nourishes
a body a soul a mind and is no choice to one or the rest

just a drop
just a drop for the thunder
holding
said the virtue of communism
is a schism to that which is other than a book
with one author
dark sky was his name
still responding at age eighty
stopped smoking but still responding

the car loaded with everything
everything
analytic everything thoughtful [I come with oranges] [who to give them to]

it is a different time that is why
the moss filled in the etched letters
these
stones are only good for two hundred years not one thousand

it would be summer if it were not so thoughtful
but that is the future
that is imaginary that is the future
the bicycle

so dark the sky
the bordered evergreens the ambient light the plastic flowers vivid
so dark the sky for respects

in the corner
[flee]
[run]
[get away]
[I got my quarters]
[change is little]
[change has always been little]
[like when they close their eyes] [wondering] [but not really]

it was a tear
fallen
to the earth to the grass
some do it differently
some die with a hand in a pocket waiting to hold their breath
over there the same name another
clan
the same name I

sarcasm

death is sarcastic at life
and its reverse
today is sarcastic at yesterday
poverty at wealth
and were I wiser for saying what is wisdom what is freedom
qualifies what is an institution and its refrain
do I not grow old adapting to
the virtues of sarcasm what is truth was once comedy
a developmental life opened when
a first answer to stuck ways starts the second answer
music is sarcasm to silence
and its reverse
inorganic nature is sarcasm to organic nature realize
only organic nature exists
collects and is expelled from all bodies for
the retention of one form or another
the straight face of philosophy rested the comic
change is sarcasm
I was late to come to change realizing it is the same birth as the last
 there is nothing to fear in your living room
 do not sit still do not rest [stop]
 listen to your mother form your opinion
the aggravations meet reason
the candle and the opposite of the candle
the wit of sarcasm is a misdirection to truth
returns
I just have to ponder a moment were it personal
upon a jailed character a jailed form which does not change
for reason
insult is sarcasm to sarcasm
and its reverse

what would it resemble had I no voice

and I with big eyes seeing the eventual before its cause
and I with ears sensitive and expecting
and I with touch absorb the matters of being
and I with taste wonder for preference and I with smell
for smoke and sea air and crystal winters
alone
for there is no more time to say love and lust and preference
a voice is a carriage
a voice is a brush
a voice is acknowledgement
do I not make figurines and sarcophagi from politicians
pen and ink
I am not dead but silent then saying language language
in flapped wings and order in colors order in time
is still power
the rest is power an unconventional power a minor power
is still power

to the administration
at the administration

o

the longer front of prayer
for when God did start
history
realize the mites of change within a citizens' control
a poem in which God was not invited
she nor he
unless one is to say divinity and ask nothing
of one's humble force but courage
knelt
at an open microphone poetry reading I do not believe
a call by the called is
so socially wound as to make a public presence of
fear and ambition
unless it is clever unless there is no consideration of audience
but God
[is not God the social organism] [but the other and the other] [too]
the poem
mentions certainty o cry o laugh at the spirit
call upon justice and awe make light when there is no light
be God
[let them pray to me] [to me]
it is just freedom
the lifted the elevated worth of an exterior and
a place among a good place among
the prayer
reference my own calls say value upon
the wellness of day and night time and circumstance
but to say what is in my control
and what is not
I have no language for the invisible I have no force
but said once and simply

the outsider
[it] can be done better
the movements of democracy are logistics
schedule a pancake breakfast a trip to a dairy farm
an operative instant is a photograph a words
[spectacle]
there is a vote [a vote] to decide the nature of the universe
and what should be done about [it]
the office of the president [not to be confused with the president]
puts [forward] a statement of incumbency
[beautiful and incredible] gloat
anonymity is the enemy
the tour bus smelled like marijuana
the other tour bus
had a question marveled on its side about prosperity about promise
the insider
o cling to [this] social structure
one God is not another
the temper the standard temper of development does not require
the word change
[the crook]
[and having established the crook] [the wisdom of the crook] [is] [bankrupt]
[inadmissible]
folk wisdom is generational
compatible with a longitudes for family for trust for a healthy environment
the will of the voters
is not to their own service of [an] idea
[what can I do for you] [respond] [public service]
and to say leadership is not so tidy
after the election when it will be [their] turn
to say [why]
to explain [why]

brought to activism

the senator in a campaign speech

mentions advocacy without using the word advocacy

the indifferent writer is not really

indifferent see

it

is just so difficult to separate one's life

but that is only excuse

I too forget to eat I too forget the day of the week I too forget to care

the welfare of others of social cause

of social contract assumed by a political party [no]

the vessel called citizenship is a natural let to ideas

convince

them and them say authority convince

them and them is an argument properly framed upon one or other

assumption

the likes of intended effort of resources of campaign management

fundamentally

health care education military roads etcetera etcetera it is

new to say environment

it is always new to say environment

because she wonders what a man does in his home all day long

and where did you get that donor list

money

and then reforestation but

it is not my turn to speak eloquently [yet]

the farm subsidies have just been reauthorized and food stamps are attached to

[that]

fundamentally when

I am satisfied no I am not satisfied when I am satisfied

[no]

I will start with a letter

material handling

depends on the material

depends on the customs

depends on the value depends on the customs depends on the market

depends on whether software is material culture

the material idea is immaterial

the poem but the book is on a shelf like reference

like a container for

the guitar the idea of sound requires tune

the skin held the sun sunburn sunlight a garden held the sun

lasagna with zucchini meat this and that the recipe

the mentor

the truck driver teacher the apprentice the journeyman carpenter

the limits of material

goes away one does sleep to void one's mind

for the material of dreams was a beach and then a mountain I forgot

time is a clock is a moon phase is a sunrise

reference a candle the extinguished candle

responsibility is a vacuumed carpet a clean clothes but

that is only fundamental that is only custodial

only

the curator

large art arrived in pieces could easily be installed upside down

large art

cut a hole in the museum floor to span two floors

the convertible roof

put a dollar or ten in the clear box to benefit the foundation

the windchime for memory damn

that is big

people are not material unless people are material then

I was counting

socioeconomically and what of numbers the same could be said for

poetry

inorganic

the opposite of life is a station a permanence

I will not ask the thoughts of a stone

nor reverence to the mountain the ocean for their timelessness

the stars

except to say beauty

it is I possess beauty and its nature it is I to call utility at

what does not grow what is not life

[the mushroom]

[that which has returned to the soil to the air]

the vaporous exposure of a chemical killed a local organism

put a sample in a jar with a label

rested it on a shelf next to the brains and waited for funding

the sand at the beach cool to touch beneath the surface

gathers the heat of the sun for purpose

material just material I live among that which does not change

the elemental

put into a form the rubber tires the radial tires

and ash baked into bread is not ash inorganic

for having [changed]

but what ash carries a spirit for having been a thing important

the word

the organic word the dead word resurrected the slow word

the vital organ is part [of a system] [requires]

just salt just salt

I walk

on gravity talking to myself or to the pain of misinformation

growing

[but that is not what they do]

the damned

for the mass of words

truth is consequence returns upon a truth

it was a glitch in history allowed for a personal history now unflattering

unidos

the day begins again and again spoken and utilitarian

it is ten years custom for damnation

the eyes the tattoos searching for redemption

upon another's oversight

conscience is a prayer spent conscience is a list

conscience protects itself

the victim

[the victim]

the fire crept from the radiator to the curtain

the wood framed house he was sleeping smelled burning pine

character is not itself it is proven character is not itself

but a lie unresolved

the hierarchy of the damned is Dante's comedy

but the hierarchy of the damned is hopeful is it not [question]

mention justice is hold to the spiritual matters

justice is otherwise consequential is timed is measured balance is social [because]

was a divine frame kept him to himself

and with no term mentioned

voted

as the clouds against the sun some rain
as the last of the leaves on the trees wait
Tuesday November six two thousand eighteen
as the road construction
as the others grocery shop as the others toil as the others study
as the banker counts as the athlete conditions
as the carpenter fashions a table as the photographer captures
a slight of blue a peer of blue in the morning
it is a good day

voted

corporeal

the sight of the cloud
a bent arm holding a hammer
the stone
an androgynous elder's face a grin
a snag a worn tree still upright the torso
the body the limbs
the brain the endless brain
the night sky

it is my vision said like an article there is
but one genius at a time

the cloud separated the stone skipped into the river the tree burned
the brain the endless brain for what I remember

and with no words and with no mouth
I wonder

that is all
[that is all]

get down

every

body

wants

to get down

low

and lower

the lowest

like

status

maybe

maybe

but the gravitropes but the phototropes

voting today

voting tomorrow

getting their

friends to vote

I hear a cloud the twang of light

I can only reach too far

until

I

require

a

breath

tell them

[that]

if

they need to know

why

the stones of diffidence

was there a promise said

it is too long to wait

for the next candidate for the next candidate after

hold to [that] one germ [that] one spot

because there is a chain of thought rides a politics

if then

inwhich the accusatory justification for conservation is a signature

a wait

impatience is a light left on at night for exhaustion

an electoral mistrust is a steep is a watch

the offender followed the order

said redemption in a breath

making arrangements for potence

just time and cause like hope is mentioned

and say the force of want is to my own reduction

is not the specialization of labor of thought a retardant to

them who seek to be the whole of the university

disposition is conditioned

[but the child]

I need something I require [something]

confidence

in winter when there is [nothing] I require

and were a segregated pieces to fit naturally together

ask

why they are apart why they are kept apart

it is only policy to say a limits to a resources thus

the function of official wholeness is

a matter of apportionment a matter of assignments

the citizen but

responsibility is a concern blinded to [that] and [that]

[not really]

obstruction but not the word obstruction is a smile

just a smile

was a poet
after all

put words
when there were no words

it is just so
politics and planets

the luster of life is momentum and stillness and
to say one is not a car when one is not a car

the threshold of fear
the common the absurd

put voice
to silence when they were only walking to this and that

convince me of my form in positive sway
I too intend to keep my voice

the streetlamps hung over midnight
governing

please God if you will
tell me one thing important I have forgotten

I have forgotten
nothing

but the will of tomorrow
is history's start

the first was okay but the second
ah clarity
for a subtle rewritten if then statement
is a measured separation of authority
kept to oneself like what is sacred

a heavy table solid and dark and well lit
a station

the trains arrive on time arrest those who are waiting
they come they go taking and releasing and taking

was the third for publishing but
one's isolation is not everyone's isolation
one's set theory is only curious to another's set theory

[this] is not poetry I have seen poetry and
[this] is not poetry
the fountain pen scratched and scratched functions and rhythms
sounds
like pride and independence
[everything is poetry] [education is poetry]

the light above
incandescent the bulbous shade collecting Asian lady beetles

is a shadow come afternoon when the coffee is done
and too early for candles
and too early for struggle
and were it anonymity the station of anonymity
the origins of reproach are perspective
[hold]

outlaw

wore a hat
for silence
like law

inlaw

wore a hat never wore a hat
supposing permission
[things] just needed to be done

spoken word

hair muscle book pen eraser ink chalk billboard grass prairie meadow want will regardless disregard
calliope engine horse elephant donkey mule ass typhoon waves ocean tsunami fish whales tunas
herring balls car bus dump truck steamroller
helicopter dropping red acid on a forest fire
the bus sounded like an airplane on the inside
the solar guitar

Jerry Garcia or is that more feminine

first snow is a time
and then her edges became soft
pliable and agreeable

umbrella cord halo cloud alarm position thick optimum quarry farmer hillman
 spelunker stalactite comprehension freeze from horizon telephone video corpuscle watch tennis tiara
 swing change gifted mint

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good night

cañon grande

peace pride

elementary

kindness flora

insemination

light house

steam train

lavender

dust dust

calibration

prognosticate

riddle the devil

if he'll have

a word

showplace

trinity

herbal extract

petroleum

prism

waterfall

falling water

sun

white picket

gold dust

quiet grass

beer bottle

change agent

doctrine

preoperational

dawn status

predilection

the car sounds its horn

around a blind corner

backing up

with a broken mirror

the color red

with an oxidation spot on the roof

from an arid climate

it is in the day it is Sunday

I suppose

a tortoise is a big turtle

the imp and the empire

there are many goats to be had
the concrete obscures the view
the electric lines buzzed
made a poster but no one came
filled his tank with dissent
drove to the capitol the center
carrying an anonymous four point plan but
really there is no center
that is why

surrounded by effort he too gave
freedom a chance resembling ultimatum
put on his tool belt began
removing visible screws in public structures

[it is a distraction]

[to those who sleep it is a distraction]

[a new fence called executive privilege]

[a new fence called sovereignty]

[it is a distraction]

the opposite of progress is good regress is

falling into what is [always]

security is a thorn into a parent's balloon at a political rally

security is grass fed beef

security is going without a watch

security is taping a 'vote' poster to the back of a zombie

security is a list [a list]

the luster of deviance grows consumes

eats cell towers and gas pumps

eats public back hoes and nonprofits

eats dignity eventually eats the alphabet

into silence and stillness

that is why

that is why

the carriage of winter begins

the geese
to look about the gone trees
there are flakes in the air there is dust about the ground
blown to corners circling in a wind
the quicker cars
the snowplow people put the fiberglass pokers in the ground
the gone pumpkins
the first wreath
it is cloudy today it was cloudy yesterday
the first fire in the fireplace
a glad shortness to speech
the downed grass laid by the wind

suppose a register a heated register

to curl up next to on the carpet

the quilt

until I am done until the carriage of winter begins

then

I want

I want I want

said nature the great reclamation in which
there is no residue for being gone but
a floated ideas say humanity
had insisted upon the overlay of itself and the overlay of itself until
it

had reached a depth of a fathom

returned to the sea by way of the Mississippi River and other rivers

I want

I want

I want

whatever is not given like limits

there is no satisfaction to living in smallness as an individual when
individualism is no concourse to reclamation

[nature is less volatile when it is held tightly for their assurance]

[but reclamation is nature's is standard]

I want I want

I want

just enough

to hold to possess to own to govern to let

call it like a flower if it is a flower a sky if it is a sky

and to leave no mark upon what does not stay

but the shape of memory

for having seen difference for having lent discretion

[do I not require such] [things]

[do I not require such ordinary] [things] but

love is just a word

is imaginary

for its thoughtfulness for its weight

like

a morning cobweb with dew

sun the weight of the sun

shine

the spectacle

of familiarity is

a positioned defense

no

the obscurity

of subject is cause

a positioned defense

perhaps

just

what I had not considered

put to words

a matter of

my own germ of interest for

receipt

it is my interest I

claim

the purpose of a cage is a cage
it is a matter of history to regard the relevance of a cage
the opposite of freedom is something new more free
is just about to be invented there is no word for it
the provisional information the exposure of provisional information is limited
one and another move forward mnemonically saying truth
back and forth arriving at language
standard like any silence which dissolves the encumbrance of figuring
wait
I brought a few things to convince you call it evidence
there are no phone numbers the people have all left
said things and meant things and then left
it was just the wind
in the beginning
isolation among others is an active conscience how to
do something
that is not quite figured that is not adequately arranged
time will tell your health whether it was health or the insistence of health
but those are age spots [now] it has been a thousand years
suppose one grows in another direction
calls himself a fortunate pioneer for having known
the consequents of time travel and misinformation
there will be others anonymous others segregated others
let through one by one answering in their own voice what is cause
an organism is not an organism if it is unmoved
just a want for perspective that I speak intelligently
convince you of the largeness of insects and mushrooms
horizons
until it is asked what is the question what is the purpose say
it is important that I stay healthy

I agree do we not
supposing transitions and the way in which [things] cannot be still
I once translated the silent communication of another
with all good intentions but
without permission [that] is why I talk over and over again
rules and lists and order
because my capacity for understanding found a bounds in what is your responsibility
like a question
and your mention of authority without mentioning authority [just] being
is wonder is reason is function to some [thing] say purpose
it is a hollow moon
tonight
and callous and cold and common
all of the [others] looked up at the same time like a spectacle
held monocles and a variety of lenses looking for something in particular
but I was satisfied I cannot speak for you and would not
try
but I was satisfied already
like impatience is satisfied for the moment [but]
that is only something we have in common and different than a wider meaning
like
building something not just appreciating something not just
engaging the custodial acts of maintenance and institutional kindness
which is common
when a governed society does not know what is better where to go from here
maybe the park
the free zoo
and were it arbitrary the adjectives of curiosity originally
spent themselves when you asked [that] and [that] question that interview
established the lopped nature of our social order
no matter
it is just
I think I left my nice pen on your desk