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Prity Lights
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MADISON

1

broke the glass with a quartz stone
the stone in his hand
now again
was a three inch sphere shined the sun against the wall
[the tree a shadow] [lightning]

2

once and again there is no logic to explanation
[nature has a hold of me]
nature follows different rules nature has no language
listen
but the wind
declares a song of my own interpretation and
I am
partly alone

3

the forest is a bookshelf the green clouds
is a path off the path
answers the raven
the crystal for luck there is nothing to break
here
[the noon tree]

4

they
let the animals go [prey]
shuffled them away from fences into fences [I]
would be vegetarian [if]
the animals about the perimeter maybe know
one day they will be eaten with bernaise sauce

5

to be alone
on purpose in a little cabin at the pond with the proper tools
wrote a book of things [he sold things]
so he could afford nails and coffee

though

the ecology of being alone insists one not deforest all of the trees nearby
[trees take years to grow]

6

the cold winter ended with a friend

be still

people

get used to being alone there is a period of adjustment in which

the accounting for supplies requires one re-divide

upon the addition

of company

[1]

7

he had a book

beneath his candle was social enough for time was

a minister in the room a priest in the room

but isolation is its own friend I know

when the sky is too dark to see

electricity

[they go back and forth] [they go back and forth]

[the demons go back and forth]

8

broken glass is a shard against the foot and

the intentions of breaking glass are an art project

the creation of hazardous bounds

[danger]

but it is the littlest pieces to be weary of

[never go in that room again] [the room requires shoes] [it is a shed] [the room is a studio with a dirt floor]

[ah]

[to make sense of wonder]

9

the crystal is on the shelf next to the potatoes

10

no

it was not anger

there were three large pieces left and many splinters

I do not know the rules excepting

what is once broken may or may not be put back together again

[but]

[it was nothing of value] it was nothing of value

except where it came from

[but]

I am not a tinkerer nor a reparator

11

sea glass

the beach when crystal becomes of glass

put it in a bottle and wish upon it [anything can be wished upon]

[really]

the glass jar held the beach glass

the glass whittled down and down all the sharp edges gone

held to the light blue and red and yellow and clear

and a starfish

nearby

12

a story

was the wind carved the granite was the wind

every day made the walls

and the water

[they] said it was time perhaps it was

the vertical wall crashes down every now and again

a new

that is all

13

the crystal pushed into itself the quartz crystal pushed and pushed

into itself

becomes clear

the weight of the world pushed and pushed just like

what it does to make a diamond

he held it up saw the past ordained the future figured the future
like a kaleidoscope
almost but better
and his was polished for clarity

14

said
beauty is the sky is light is what is revealed
now it is summer [it rained yesterday] [for growth it rained yesterday]
everything is revealed [character is revealed]
one neighbor went to the next
said
[what neighbors say] this and that
valuable things

15

the sky ate the clouds and it was blue
them gone
I lay upon my back on the grass waiting waiting for the day to finish
I am in no hurry but
realize the day will indeed end slowly and with a moon
and if I never want to move then

16

was broken glass in the kitchen
the cat must have bumped the glass bowl to the ground
[cats are not perfect]
the middle of the night I stepped on a piece of glass on the floor [no harm]
wondering
sweeping the kitchen floor in sandals and skivvies

17

the vandal the vehicle window broken
them fighting now proving
I do not stop
but my destination
later
my car is damaged

[one thing damages another] [one hardness is harder than another hardness]

animosity

18

wrote a letter about valuable [things]

[with meaning attached]

[security]

stamped the envelope and the envelope in a drawer with no address

[in time]

19

revelations Sunday June upon my back

staring

at the sky

[it is Tuesday]

the air smells like fish

the cloud is a fish

20

rain tornado the weight of weather storm

the formation of the sky

to smell the cool fresh air pull into the humid

I fear tornados

21

and the camera which captures weather how brave the camera

I see without being seen

the viewer the media

captures the vandal the strike of God upon a city upon a home upon

property

was a broken window

was a thrown rock

was a bolt of lightning lit the sky lit into the weather vane on

the barn

22

I count away the days for one hundred years

ask which day is better than the last and

how

say it is health the prevailing condition

opens my eyes

[theirs is reckless] [no]

23

overgrowth

this is not a garden

these trees were not planted

one day

they were all pulled from the ground

[for a shopping center] the gone forest is

what is

memory what is imagination what was

24

now a hospital the invalid

[moved in]

was brought by ambulance for

some respiratory ailment lost consciousness now

stares at the window

maybe

recognizes someone he knew [it is hard to tell]

25

but the cat

could not say what she saw

cats are not perfect anyway she

once fell down a flight of stairs she

was not hurt

just demonstrated her mortality

her sense of humor

26

the end of the day and slowly the birds

the shards put together are the universe

glass

and different every time I wake

I have language I have nouns for memory I have nouns
 I remember how it was before the glass

27

of a library
 I hear the ventilation on off
 the occasional words like truth
 [the sound of truth]
 [sound proves a truth does it not]
 [but it was the bell]
 dong
 [it was the bell for clarity]

28

the marbles the winter marbles
 melted
 the spring marbles too gone [they were blown] [blown]
 the summer marbles like balloons floated
 drifted down and about [gathered about the dry grass]
 the autumn marbles were broken
 dry and broken dry and broken
 [the color gone] [dead]

29

the marble the cateye marble
 [change my world]
 I am cut
 for seeing the day a cateye shine
 and the night [the moon] a glance through o
 and the dream [the moon] a glance through
 sleep
 the open window

30

the open window
 I have nothing to say but [appreciation]
 it is June cool June the rising sun
 [don't get lost]

[I say don't get lost] to myself
 but nowhere to be until about tomorrow shining
 the same

31

[I love you]
 said the book to the book
 I know you
 and the shelves [we are the same]

there once began a story with a hungry lot of dolphins
 o herring o cod
 fishblood in the water
 surfing
 the surf was a stony shoreline
 [the captain]

32

hardship is isolation
 no
 isolation is freedom [independence is freedom]
 hardship is failing health
 [it was a chair] about the declining health it was
 a chair
 [with wheels] [and an engine]
 [it floated]

33

the coin
 mistook the coin for a marble
 a president's head and an eagle now an eagle
 a jar of presidents to the bank
 one hundred and twenty two dollars and eleven
 cents
 to the store for shoes
 and ice cream

34

again the copycat
 spoke someone else's poem and another another
 [that book was written] [hush]
 what I would like to hear is reason
 reason for the poem [is not every poem the same]
 the blue
 the sharp
 the loud
 the bosom

35

contracted a disease
 salesmanship sold things [things] which were not his own
 conscience [conscience]
 yes sold a conscience which was not his own
 rolled into a steel ball he could not penetrate
 [sold it cheaply to anyone who knew what to do with a conscience]

36

taken on faith
 that thievery for the needy is
 justifiable
 [bread and blankets] but the crook had a house and a horse
 the crook had a gun and bullets
 it was taken on faith
 but he took whatever he cared to take
 the crook hunted the crook took [things]
 [it] was taken on faith

37

the sky bent as if it was closing
 but for a storm
 technology says take cover the radio
 and from zero thus the wind wind and rain advance
 pound
 pound
 one hour [done] as fast as it came it is done
 the rivers on the road the rivers full rush

[it came too fast]

38

curious
to find two spiders this morning
in the bathtub
one
I crushed
the other I left to its own wit

39

I do not believe we have met
do you say
what is that color of your skin
alien green do you say
that is curious you must be eight feet tall
do you say and with seven fingers on each hand
that is curious
you must be a reptile
I am a mammal thank you very much
nice to meet you

40

I talked in circles with the people I did not know
[I think they were people]
it is about time to retake the mantel of authority in this great nation
[giddyup]
really we are quite nervous about conflict
[I vote]
[I listen to promises but I have never made a political promise]
[I have never heard a political promise kept]
how are you different
[I am hungry]

41

the poet stretched out his arms gathered all the sunlight he could
put it in a grocery bag
made a promise like a prayer

reached into the grocery bag and pulled out an apple
and peanut butter
and a knife

42

held the hammer high
and upon the table [crash]
splinters and ideas combustible ideas
control is warrant
makes things [things] happen

43

the sun went down and
before the yard cooled the mosquitoes
come sharply
[the aggressive small mosquitoes]
the idea of summer is changed when the screen patio
swarm
swarm

44

and from now and later in the season
the fireflies
gently their light about the trees the grass the sun recently down
[I care enough to want to make beauty of this]
this

45

the hammer rested on the kitchen table
sometimes on the frigerator
burnt his and her name into the handle
is a symbol
[call it love]
the potency of destructible force [call it love]

46

the idea [that
all people carry a hammer in a holster]

[wooden handle tool steel]
 the idea of one idea [that
 ultimacy requires defense on all fronts]
 everyone requires ultimacy

47

the second greatest animal in the kingdom
 a
 three way tie between chimpanzees dolphins elephants
 but the chimpanzees hold
 [ideas]
 but the elephants have graveyards
 [ideas]
 but the dolphins speak speak
 [ideas]

48

made a movie a moving film
 the animals conjoin say
 there is no more detention
 there are no limits to the trees and
 lions can eat mushrooms [now]

49

independence day is about
 the sun is high
 the people waiting for fireworks and him on the train
 traveling
 America northbound up the Mississippi
 will stay in Trempeleau listening to the river
 [when the music stops]

50

[I love you] he said to himself in the silence
 of his head
 [there are places dark places which are canceled by]
 [love]
 but he was alone really and wondering if

[ever]

51

the cloud is a dog

a big white dog

now it is a dragon now it is a saint now it is

a factory with smokestacks

the cloud is a dog

and will always be a dog

52

nature is abrupt

when it decides

the tumbling mud the snow slide the tsunami

earthquake

[step aside man] [change is gonna be]

[be]

the thunderstorm ripped through the country side

lit a tornado

[there was hail]

[hail the size of baseballs]

53

hell the size of baseballs

the sky is dark but it is not the sky I see

the rain rain

hell the size of baseballs

and havoc

crash splash

54

the next day the rain was gone the green grass

and again

the cars advance one and again another

[the go to work] [they go to labor]

[they go to the store]

55

the surface of being is public interface
[they spoke the popular language]
this is this and that is that
and money
really they did not require language it is just that
they were lonely
[they had all they required]

56

built a church of stone and promised

57

and he sat across
from the pretty lady with the cat
kept promising they would be home soon
[from the train station]
surely they did not live here
but a time away
she was dressed quite nicely and with a bonnet

58

clack clack
that was not his train [he knew his train]
soon he is wobbling away with his possessions
directly on time
[they won't let him smoke cigarettes any longer]
[nor will the doctor]
he eats granola and drinks whiskey

59

one hundred cars
one hundred shards of coal
[the next will be people in silver cars with windows]
an engine an aengine power
[diesel]
rocking back and forth and back to

sleep the horizon all the farms all the farms

60

waiting

hallooo

and the mosquitoes

nor wind

the sun goes down travels to the horizon in a purple silence

waiting

61

genius arrives with courage [he has a menu rested in his breast pocket] [it is a book of recipes]

genius is taste

and it was a painted woman which captured his soul

[put it on the mantel] [I smell it to he imagined her words]

duck roasted duck and a cake with strawberries

62

the market is close to the farm she says

he is alone but the dog who favors the cat

fresh berries and bread and beans [and the one who brings melons] [with the attitude]

jam

a single cloud in the sky just one and not too hot

butter

63

change is good change is magical change is a rhythm

and what change I make opposing what change I watch

I once was young and knew things from a perspective

[but it is I who change] [but it is I who am dynamic] [no]

[the world changes does it not]

it is the city that changes the house the paint does peel

and language I say language does change [it changes me and I] [and I change language]

change ages it does change I watch change I know I

have memory

64

and the teacher the institution of change
 what is the constitution of change what is the idea
 the one
 the one which stood the tallest when the wind was strongest
 is a memory
 they follow they make rhythm of following such a manner

65

the sky grew dark and the cat does watch
 the rain about
 to happen
 and the wind starts the birds still about they are not convinced
 patter
 patter patter
 now

66

is a dark sky is a weakness to summer when
 all else is covered in blue and sky
 [this is not sky] [but for spring] [this is not sky] [quickenning]
 nor lights but to watch
 travel
 to the mail box to check

67

weather is not change weather happens when it is supposed to happen
 the water to the earth beneath the earth to
 the underground river the underground sea where
 the blind men sail
 allow
 pipes to the surface the sucking pipes and pumps where the aquatically needy are
 requiring

68

one drop onna leaf another
 rumble rumble

the sun recedes I can tell
I love the rain really I do I listen
the open back door I fall asleep listening I do
[this is change]

69

the train brings change the train brings the weather
and silence then
patience waiting for futures [they built a bridge] [and stayed]
once the silence when the construction is done
[they settle]
[it is no longer mine]
I have never minded being alone
in this place
[thinking of her]

70

beauty is not a question nor sundown nor sunrise
you are what I call you
or I say silence in a firm [voice]
beauty is a color a distinct color it is
I have never seen beauty and that is why that is how
I recognize beauty
[when]

71

the ceremony went as planned thirty minutes
[they shaved her head and his head]
said [beauty] a prayer and now
the fire is lit to the burning out sky
[it is night]
[and the chill the summer chill comes]

72

Today is yesterday
the cycles are recognizable with age
but the summer [a thought]
already the days are becoming smaller

[it was a half moon last night]

[waning] [yes waning]

73

what is it I love [if it is all the same]

and

what is it I love were it all so common what is it

I could stare at

[my vision] I could stare at

the sky the night the daymoon the clouds the way

the rain I could listen

[o to hear] the rain

the rain the water

[the wind]

74

city is a fraud

trickery

one human to another is a contest but

they answer to each

they each have police

people

money is a fraud car is a fraud house is a fraud but I bring wine

[forget]

75

the fish

with a net

the apple with a net

a hand full of honey

[health food]

and were it gluttony to say more I can fit more within my body

say a farm a storage of the animals a storage of food

76

seeds them blown

and the sticky ones let down

put into the soil for roots

the burr put down and begins
 a new generation
 and cotton starts again

77

the day is put from yesterday's seed
 I believe then
 and from
 but the weather is colder and there are more airplanes
 people are out and learning things again
 people are always learning things learning things
 and making connections [conditions]

78

today I believe differently
 [it was her] the economics of friendship is
 one idea held aloft
 [the marketeer] [knows it best]
 prosperity is a hammer when a hammer is required
 prosperity is a calculator
 prosperity is a newspaper when fire is required

79

but it was
 not
 until
 [when]

80

I write a letter to my elder self in regards to your question
 [yes I am content sometimes a little insecure but content and still asking] [I say do you still ask]
 I write a letter to my younger self in regards to your question
 [yes I am confident] [I know] [things] [I still ask]

81

I am not bothered by the
 I trust the
 I still desire the

my weakness

I still carry the

nor do I carry the [like a malcontent]

82

the butterfly flitted past the screen window to

the potted flower the red flower

[the day smells as good as the idea of summer]

I do not know if the grass will dry this year

it is too early for the local corn but I will wait

83

the divinity of

being

say appreciation is standard and with no cause for

control

were control a matter of force [it is not]

84

and were there no people ask

would there still be divinity in this world

is the institution of divinity socially constituted

[no]

[yes]

God is not a person and has never been a person

85

were there no divinity would there still be beauty

but it is the flavor of chocolate

but it is the smell the crackling fire

but it is the moon as time

but it is the ocean as time and

how a tree is seen from fifty years apart from a thousand years apart

86

o I love I live do I not

aware the burden of being in which

loss and learning in which pain and suffering

proves
something does it not

87
and if it were time as constitution I say
it is too easy to know time as the theory
because
I am present now and realize no difference but
when I wake from sleep
I am change

88
I am nature and soon
the weather will mark me again will make me stay
to finish
to know before I can say
I belong
I am not separate

89
to catch a butterfly
in a net
but they move so quietly and when there is no wind but heat
summer is a thistle is a bumble bee nor threatening
release everything
I only wanted to see to see what you would do
with captivity

90
the sound and nighttime then when the stars
cry out
to be light to be the agency of light is a burden a billion years
but hope
and for the first time I have memory

91
the tool box the rusted tools
everything was already fixed he rested

the walls were painted and the doors fixed
the frigerator was done
nothing leaked he rested

92

there is no harm about trimming the shrubs
there is no violence to cutting the grass nor
discomfort to the tree with the swing nor
the corn come down for harvest nor
violence to the tobacco sacrificed in a pipe

93

the animals did not agree
the ones with teeth chased the ones that were fast
it is an age old argument about
vegetarianism they said why can we not all get along
[hunger]
the lion knows no logic but logic

94

theft the diamond it is value because it is damn hard
harder than stone mind you
and you can see right through it
to be cut
to be civilized
to be changed and remain hard for your beauty

95

I rode a train across the country met a lady
sixty years my senior
clack
clack
I rode a train across the country and stared
at the forces which govern me
[there are large things] [things]

96

the country is a day old better than a day before

memory the sun closes earlier than last week
the trees are the same
the journal
it has rained the last three nights the radio said there was
flooding

97

had his carriage flooded it is rotten
now
lucky to say
no basement like the neighbors who came from afar away
bought a home with a basement
thought they'd store things
I suppose

98

that is why
fate is a dismembered direction because
to prepare for one thing make the other
happen
and oppositely

99

cat just watched
did not get up for food or affection
opened the door so it would
attend to elsewhere like the birds but
she stayed like I
am more interesting

100

was the tallest building in the city
[six stories]
with a big neon sign on top what a view
but the surrounding hills were taller
there is a difference between
natural character and anthropological
character

ask

who put the cinders in that pile

101

once was a volcano

evidence

and another volcano left bubbled stone about for now

the ponderosas push through

one by one

the lava field is eroded but not in my lifetime

[it has only been seven hundred years]

102

formation is a mother met a father

built a house called it home

put up wallpaper and hunted ducks

got the car stuck in the winter time

we were all good cooks back then

103

the glass pane had rested so long in one position

the top end of the pane drew down into the bottom end of the pane

formed a blob

no really

but don't wait it takes

thousands of years

104

the Martin Luther King Jr. glass stained glass

from Memphis

got it outside the Lorraine hotel

[tragic]

at the restoration glass artists them

put it in my window green and yellow and wavy clear

no

I do not have a story

really

105

the gloat

the braggart

and to the homebody [sat upon the shelf watching like patience watches]

says possession ownership

I have been places I have owned places

[no response]

106

but the bird and the straw

the wand

the nest in the human's fort

tweeted

unto the moon

tweeted

when there was no moon

tweeted

107

dazzling the summer sun but it is not too

hot

for baseball

[a film of clouds] [they come they]

[go]

108

winter's opposite to be

stationed and with no quarantine

nor ask again peace for what is already near

brings about

the word love if not love itself

109

politics declare

say there is a position [but first a subject]

and were nature ever

to be brought among the human controls

[not with permission]

politics declare say democracy say majority rule
such was the idea

110

the discouraged courage of want
[it takes from that which is not mine]
the peaceable entertainment of being [when]
there is no thought to consumption

111

ice tea was all
that is all
and now thus
completed I
[travel] find my way to sleep

112

the underwater dream
walking underwater upside down on the surface of the air
the jellyfish
[I see the stars for night]
[I know it is night I see the stars]
I hear the colorful fish kissing the coral I hear
the wave crashing the shore another another like time

113

just about noon
rise
it was his second coming [for breakfast] [really lunch]
but he died last night
[it was the blueberries he is still eating]

114

the circular face blue and carved like an Aztec calendar
[it is Summer that is all I know]
red lips and black eyes
the ocean about the sky about
art

paper

onna wall framed [ekphrasia]

115

high noon

gun fire

the downed shadow straight down

hell

is a question

116

the midterm

genius for being

identity is conscience

[Sir George she was elected]

[I do not know how to appreciate you but]

117

the summer of love

[knowledge is different than love]

[maybe]

and the sun still shows itself and the rain

[it rained so hard the ground could not absorb it]

[water is love]

[and heat is love] [summer heat is love]

and the stars

[full]

118

the senior citizen broke no rules

there are no rules for senior citizens

except the mantra 'one at a time' 'one at a time'

once citizenship had no reference

to age

119

the journal of laws

[eleven]

[the eleven commandments]

science is framed by conscience [idea]

written

on eighty pound paper

120

the accreditation of genius the qualifications of genius

he ate fruit with yogurt every

day

for ideas

his driver did not talk because he knew his ideas would be

[stolen]

[used]

121

the firecracker

is a book

the reason for

two hundred pages bangboompop

the dog under the bed

122

the skinny squirrel about the yard the prowling squirrel

the lion

is a meateater a suburban meateater

a prowling cat

the squirrel never did see

123

once the clouds

begone I say clear the sky clear the palate

this is my day and

I will make nothing of you but

blue

124

enter the clowns the madmen I am in a

theatre

[I cannot be touched]

[and were it to rain I cannot be touched]

I am in an amphitheater a colosseum observing
opposites

125

like your smile

[your smell]

like a morning to memory the sun

all the day

like production and reproduction like making

want for want

126

the saturated grass

the mosquitoes now for blood

an isolated bird chirp and

the canopy of clouds echo

nor wind

127

beware

the parted thoughts

bent from self ambition to pride in one thing [what fits in a pocket]

and it was their partnership says

this is why we speak [yes] this is why we speak

128

the coupled

the man and the woman made no declarations [no public declarations]

the man and woman knew the difference atween

the coupled

rhymed through the night

[they had heavy curtains]

129

counting is easy to say

a bushel of hands makes a peck of ambition

the quart of potential is agreeable to
 the gross of want [it just takes a while] [like a mite of patience] [it just takes a while]
 counting is easy to say begin
 at one and continue at fives at fives

130
 the competitive man kept defeating
 the one he
 loved
 but she did not love
 [him]

131
 and sadness about the forest
 [everyone wanted a house]
 the forest recycles itself you do know
 every one hundred years again and again
 the animals return
 [the animals return from underground]
 excepting where there are neighborhoods

132
 and when they went to the moon they took the moon
 back
 it had previously been taken
 and they retook it again I do not know how many
 times
 the moon has been retaken I do not know
 how many craters there are on the moon

133
 made a tea of dandelions
 let it steep
 for eternity [turn my body yellow]
 [with thought]
 [turn the inside of my body yellow]
 [then fluff] [I go]
 [away]

134

the intolerable cruelty of
ignorance
[it is not their fault] [there is something wrong with their brain]
[there is smoke] [where there should be thought there is smoke]
[or a cloud it is]
[and waiting for clearance]

135

twere her handsome features her hairy chin
let him ask for some physical assistance
[it was a heavy box] [too heavy]
it was just he forgot to pay her with a glass of wine
[offered her a whiskey]
[she liked it all the same]
my what strong jowls you have [chum]

136

I make the weather I cause the weather I am
distance
count me thirty thousand measures through a cloud
[a lake one hundred feet deep]
the rain caused the cañon the air caused the cañon
but the sky at night
there is nothing nothing the sun is blocked and there is no air
[on the moon]

137

the helpless
the others brought food and water but [them]
them kept putting bombs into the air
into safe places
[never harmed a one]

138

the sky bent over turned to darkness and becoming
darkness

the constructors had to hurry must hurry
[it won't be long now] [said the foreman]
and the rain [there are some things greater]
tomorrow

139
and when the sky bent over the green
the green is evidence that you are here are important
[we all are important]
[twas never said one is more important than another]
is a cause for democracy is a cause
for equal access

140
the politics of a madman [but he did not vote]
[and that is why]
he believed and they believed but they did not believe as he believe
not everyone is a president a senator
but that does not make him mad
[and that is why]

141
the ball of thought was tossed about the room
it was inflated with
the breath of the teacher [the teacher]
why does she get to be teacher why does she get to
inflate balls

142
the democratic way
and a calendar an electoral calendar they took Tuesdays off
and why they stopped voting because
[them] them stopped voting about such things as
representative democracy [stopped representing]

143
but
they wanted health care I did

[and other spendy things like roads and public satisfaction]

[and a strong military]

might

might

144

to see the stars when I retire I am not blind

to make things of clay [I do not have arthritis]

I see the moon through a microscope

[the moon bacteria is red and green like Christmas]

I operate

a cash register like a surgeon

145

the swagger of the dog the cat did follow

they were supposed to be friendly

all things together

they bragged of interspecies marriage

they were spayed and neutered anyhow

146

the troubling sky the clouds

roll in southwest to northeast the upper corner of Iowa the Mississippi

flood and tornado havoc

dark like dusk and silent

humid

it comes

147

birds

the constructors go home

put down their Case and John Deere earthmovers excavators backhoes

the smell the ionized air

clean

148

hail and water

down down

the soil opens the fallen trees
[but] they built a parking lot where the water used to go
[a pond]

149

it was my tribe
paid for freedom
but I was long dead
making words of wisdom
imaginary

150

the courage to eat directly from wilderness
to make a go of true independence
[that is not your weapon that is not your knife]
how do you design your house
do you live in the snow
I do
I trade berries for beads and steel

151

the green comes shortly
stays
the meadow with the trail the clearing
she took off her shoes and I
the lake is a metaphor
[the lake is a metaphor] [sex]

152

the germ the germ of love the germ of being
carried away the clouds swiftly beyond the moon
exposure
the stars are now
having always been I am confident
[I am confident]

153

the germ of satisfaction was actually its absence

the absence of consent the absence of desire
[never considered]
the germ the healing germ
the germ of being

154
spread about the room all of the clothes
put down like carpet
to be plucked the wardrobe to be plucked
was a system
he walked upon the clothes and still
said they were clean

155
I know
the dust the leaves settle on the forest floor
the fallen branches and the water comes
down
cleanses
brings about life in turn with [the sun]

156
the glory of the sun [now]
pulls the water from the soil
through the leaves and into thought
[wrote a poem about life the fallen tree]
[wrote a poem about death]

157
death is an opinion
[no one really dies] [nothing really dies]
but the voice died when there was no answer
silence is an opinion
[never made a sound again]

158
the traveling
clouds and I

watching from a boat
calling out names [old man] [dragon]
I see dragons every day

159

the carnival the fair
is the sky with rides and games and photography
brought sweet food
and a metal detector
to see the livestock

160

dark sky now afternoon
quiet for the rain
in a chair waiting it comes and stops
comes again
hard

161

the violent storm
the angry storm
the gentle rain
the passing clouds
summer sky

162

and were it a prayer answered to know
to be aware of
kindness and the satisfactions of living among
nature I say
I am aware do I not watch do I not sense [yes]

163

because all is nature it is including man
and all of man's contributions
and all of woman's contributions
and the flora and the fauna and the stones and the glaciers
[and the sky] [and the starry sky]

[and moral character]

164

when the wind

I say the wind is strong and fortunate

the health of the wind is that of the clouds

[the visibility of the clouds]

from the horizon like steam like carrying steam

165

lay down the rain the dusty earth does swallow

you

for the day and the ecology of the day I say

these intentions are what I offer and if I can call the rain

then

166

and when they built that

building

the nesting pairs split into two [took their earth]

[I was once in love]

[and whether it was my change my difference]

[and whether I can only know the word love]

167

the nesting place

call home

nor difference were there the intentions of mortgage

a promise

[this will never be taken]

168

and with all the cars [gone] and the trains [gone] the airplanes [gone]

the silence is deafening [but]

it is not silence I answer

the eagles

the wolves

169

and a world of titles
 [to the librarian]
 and the origins of interest she said
 [I] was born in the arctic [I] was born on an island
 do I not appreciate books

170

I have nothing more to offer I see
 your mind is plump is full
 [release] let away your burden purge yourself
 [it is a poem I started] [I haven't]
 [quite finished]
 [it is a poem about finishing]

172

the finished house
 had a place to be had a place to answer the questions
 the finished clouds
 had a place to be had a finished home
 the finished day
 had a place to be

173

but written in stone
 no
 written on stone that
 nature's intervention is a trust
 is a corporation
 [but that is only language]

174

I have no interest in what direction you stand
 in what direction you face [the sunrise]
 [in the direction of a student]
 but it is a sunflower
 and monogamous

175

and if you talk at me while facing the other direction
I will say I do not hear you unless
we speak of the same ship
the same moon
I see to the west

176

old man sunrise old woman sunrise
stretch
everything is new I hold everything is new
set me gently into their earth
I am only young and figuring

177

to say I am a carnivore
[but it is grass their diet]
and fish is fish
and were the acquisition of food significant
[like a garden] [like a hunt]

178

all of them [them]
got together their interests and built buildings one against another one against another
called it city
said currency
said character

179

but that [that]
was a thousand years ago
when men carried weapons and women carried weapons
and they still had trouble finding wood and
they smelled of soot and sweat

180

but I am alone
it is I speaking to myself

[I do not echo]

but the library the church
in a thousand years these walls will still be present

181

the permanence of myself
and if I had only copied truth onto paper

[but the alchemist]

[invents truth] [no]

[but the priest]

182

permanence is a stone but I cannot see the stone

to prove the stone

permanence is a star is a sun

permanence is gravity

the weight of the universe is one

183

once upon a time there was a dinosaur

ate another dinosaur

ate another dinosaur

had no thumbs

ate another dinosaur

184

the astronomer said calendar the days

in a row

the mayor said worship them and them said these are heroes

call these days for these people

every year from now on [ok]

185

I wonder

were flight so common to the birds

it is I who fly it is I who speak

it is I who remembers one poem

[it is I who can write a second poem] [if]

186

the enchantment of
the red sandstone
[appearance is the pattern of water]
[it once was an ocean]
[with animals]
[it was beauty then] [also]

187

the gaze into her eyes twas twere tis
passion
like winter but it is summer
it is warm and full but the clear sky is
deceiving [when I wake]

188

deception is a shade of blue
was the blue snow the glacial snow
let into the blue water reflecting
the blue sky I understand everything
is blue

189

is a mystery how I see
but my sight is failing I have seen enough
nothing else will compare with
the point a mountain touches an ocean
the open plain the sky
I do not wish them to be common

190

made a faith about a word made a faith
about a sky
made a faith about a man made a faith
about economic prosperity
made a building

191

again the constructors constructing
[this time a road] [with lines]
they finish come again tomorrow until
they are through
move on again and again

192

all of the animals convened
for a vote
said they are in danger
[there are too many of them] them
but they have weapons and thumbs and we have but
teeth and claws

193

is her voice
is angelic like the clouds I hear
digital and digital is not invented
blows
respond the leaves I respond

194

is the poet answers the guitarist
I
am one and the same and for the same cause
nor the poet is an entertainer I see
but a lover a thinker a giver

195

said the clock
five minutes until the convention
he spoke
reliably they assembled and made a plan for time
called each other names
[depending on their responsibility]

196

and were it separation or love their decision to talk
 [all the time]
 and were it self defense to remember
 what the other had said
 nor one ever wished to be alone in the desert in the forest
 [where simplicity lurks]

197
 when the stillness
 when the wind is stalled call summer and without thought
 nor I can hide
 indoors because of the electricity [the electricity is gone]
 [because of the stillness electricity is gone]

198
 but they chattered the people chattered in a row
 in a line
 everyone gets
 in the same line
 [wanting an answer]

199
 the poet sweated I say smelled
 in the rain the hungry poet now chilled
 [delightful]
 indoors the poet smelled drank milk so fast it spilled [chocolate milk]
 the poet filmed his own
 [self]

200
 take me to the ballgame the baseball game
 the lights we are
 sworn into [the exercise of America]
 o cause
 freedom freedom freedom

201
 it rains the sky

is blue it rains the sky the clear sky o fantasy
 soon the dragons and the fire [there is nothing I can do about time]
 [but wait] [like the season]
 [until the questions have burned away]

202

foot steps when no person is about
 for fear [it is their fear] [listen]
 and the game yet played in my head [in my head]
 when there were no players and no coaches to tell the players what to do
 [listen]

203

what is said of experimental knowledge
 no
 there never was a teacher there never was a professor
 [a warrant]
 there never was a question [just]

204

the desk at the open window the simple desk with room
 for paper
 the fighting birds them
 it is the light distracts it is a cloud about the sun
 it is the smell distracts

205

I wait like any doctor I wait for information
 tomorrow is another story and that is why
 I wait
 I put information with other information and call it words
 say I declare language is a pill is a prayer
 for suffering language is a pill is a prayer

206

caught in the middle
 the fracas upon both sides of the wall and intentions split
 I am a fence a mediator I am a fence

it was midnight when cause slipped into silence
 it was a measure of distance

207

bang [hummm] the engine lit
 o what I see for sunrise the cañon wall the western cañon wall
 nor a thing beyond
 was once an ocean and now a desert collecting light and shadows
 dimensions and fossils

208

for one life's work [was a heap of editing to be done]
 [it all should be the same color] [when]
 and all in a row in a line because
 the questions the questions like what is your relationship to beauty
 [everyone agrees on beauty] [no] [but I]

209

the volunteer
 authority
 said wood and steel and glass [and things happened]
 it was the measure of interest [in which]
 the clouds do measure themselves [they require no applause]
 [for being]

210

sight I am captured the sight of [the going-down sun]
 turns to black ness when I am held yet
 against the moon
 there
 [turns to black ness] [to stare upon] [the sun]

211

it was winter for summer [change]
 read a book of winter when the snow
 [bear down] [beat down] [like an engine]
 the winter thunder but I am only imagining a book
 [is a spell]

212

kiss

was the doorbell I have been waiting
and were politics your motive but love

I do not hear a word

[because you are silent] 'can you repeat yourself'

213

kiss

was beauty for language she spoke [lovely or either eloquently]

I could paint your love and I have never painted exactly

I know the poetics of geometry the geometry of poetics

[but that is only philosophy]

that is only want

that is only desire

214

kiss

the texture of a wall is no matter

but skin is imaginary I hold is soft tender

but was a love attached to being I say

[my own smallness] [I]

215

kiss

was a soft sound the date

was a dance played o familiar songs

[car ride]

[but that is imaginary]

216

kiss

reason is procreation says logic

[was their love]

put a child upon their earth without explaining why

[it was time]

[they decided]

217

the sadness [he collected sadness]

[he put balls of collected sadness into his pocket]

[put imaginary boxes of sadness into his pistols into his cannons into his canons]

[kept sadness] [kept sadness alive]

[spent sadness like currency] [made a value of sadness]

o

218

was a slow front comes from the southwest [the open door]

she moved she moved

nor rain attached to her figure was just

the reason I step in front of you

not the rain [there was no rain] [so]

219

it is easy love is easy but gave way to distraction and inattention

[maybe love is not love who can say]

but they kiss nevertheless they kiss on the lips and call each other

pet names

like fishy and kitty and birdie

220

the belles [satisfaction] the light of the moon they called at

peace and justice

[wearing nothing but paint]

and they had no fire to dance about

[tomorrow]

tomorrow they would have a fire and roast a pig [this is rehearsal]

221

and would the child have language were there no

social place

if memory were language then

I say yes because

a being is matched with a designation among

222

the old village
because of the view
[but they had no plumbing]
everything is carried like
intentions are carried

223

the mask
[wore it for a thousand years then passed it on]
the clown wore the mask four times
then was
good

224

the snake
sunning itself on the road startled
to a rattle
become [do not become everything curious]
dear

225

the snake
the eaten snake the eaten shark
the eaten bear
kept a rattle for a trophy kept a
rattle

226

imagine I change like adaptation because
it is
the education department is still thinking
putting me into straights and arrows
having me eat particular things like
types of magic

227

the education department [again] I saw them near the spring

watching people

[do this and that] [make cookies and wondering why they make cookies]

and

trying to train them to make money [money]

[money]

228

the education department slipped on a word

[misspelled the word genii] [misplanted the idea] [genii]

supposed authority includes knowledge [it does does it not]

[it] is a categorical imperative

that an education department is a facility

a building with no curtains and with no patio

229

genii is a building is a structure without

architectural value with no doors and with no rooms

with solid features [brick solid]

and a flat room that cannot be climbed upon

[but give it a name]

230

I hold these truths

the night I am nocturnal I speak to you

lit

by the stars and all of the pleasantries of all of the stars

[and a moon] [is all I know]

231

I hold these truths

[there is a color] [and the geometries of love]

what else can there be [but time] [alas]

and so much to consider when they are aware like I am

aware

232

the attorney general said truth

the physician said truth

the teacher said truth

the race car driver said truth

the farmer said truth

233

the intoxicated cat fell off the bureau into the sleeping
man and sat on his face

[it was rotten applesauce]

[it was a spilt bottle]

he did not move

234

the toppled intellect lay on the floor drooling and purring
thinking thinking

[there was a time when a kingdom maintained itself]

[but popular opinion insists]

[change is natural] [requires a restart on occasion]

requires an idea

235

I expect the autumn air to be the same as this

fresh summer

being unexpected I love [were it possible to love]

the weather

[and do I talk to you or do I talk to God]

236

stillness is an interior

the weather indoors is meh I say meh

just the watch of being the shelves contain my interest

[was love and a picture of love]

kept pushing air like the clouds [it is a book]

237

o sway the trees bend in the air with

my being crossed with nature crossed with humanity

I love [do I not love]

for to rest among the placid things when all good things are

put

238

it is the dis ease of circumstance
 when the storms of interior thought
 wrestle with what cannot be changed
 [the hardness of mineral] [the hardness of material]
 [and how they bang amongst themselves]

239

the dragon she flew and breathing fire for want
 against the wind for to the north
 is where the gold is where determination is
 as the snow a half a year from this point
 [I follow] [watching]

240

the music of the doctors is health and closeness humanity
 the music of educationist is true
 and with sound
 the music of the cloud against the light is faith
 that I inherit

241

pop
 and a circle begins the cycles a circle o time
 tis birth I say when
 mother earth is beauty's allowance
 [to stand at a glacier] [I melt]

242

enters peace [all of the nations]
 when the hardest has been struck [by itself]
 truth is red and blue and yellow say the sky
 and the sounds of life [do I not speak]
 [do I not celebrate language]

243

nor mine is control for the wind the lightning
 nor mine is control for time [but I can wait]
 and from this window every [thing] is two dimensional
 but I am not protected from time [but I can wait]
 [I can hold things] [I can wait]

244

the observation of the elder at play
 [I could say checkers] [but he is still good at golf] [and she]
 twas a let to say the plans of retirement are in good sitting
 [who would not wish the end to be thoughtful]
 [and full]

245

the constructors yet
 constructing a road
 soon there will be roads all about America
 into every home into every production
 for selling and buying [things] for looking [at things]

246

the difference between him and her
 there is no difference between him and her [they are married]
 they wear the same clothes [but Sundays]
 they eat the same meat was a barbecue [they take turns at choice]
 I have said enough but love does age

247

the cat sat on the mat
 the dog sat on the bog
 the dog sat on the mat
 the cat sat on the dog
 the dog ate the cat's food

248

the simple lies of living without reference
 one can say liberty at liberty at anything
 and the manic ways of time filled without meaning are

folly and unprepared
are no match to truth I say a language matches experience

249

twas a dream spillt into life
the eclectic love of spirit
the blue trees and the green sky the yellow earth the brown moon
are but a juxtaposition of color
[but the sky does grow] [the moon still sets]

250

the worries of what are exterior to one's control
[a thing] [is not supposed to be in such a way]
bureaucracy is a lifetime put into spheres into ways
[they have established a department of education]
[they have established a job placement service]

251

the social worker saved the world [brought clean water]
[to what she called] [the governed]
[they were living in a large shell] [in thatch homes]
she said money and showed photographs gathered statistics
she learned in an education system

252

the social worker wore a pretty dress that did not match her socks
the social worker wore corduroys like an anthropologist
the social worker wore a bike helmet inside the building he did
the social worker recommended the proper drugs for
the weary man with no associations

253

measuring faith
yes the grace of beauty is not so limited as any conception
like one color [but it changes to another] [I have seen a sundown put to rest]
nor is color the only conception of beauty [it was texture that held me close]
[and the sound of Saturday]

254

the shadow flew
 it was the leaves crossed with the afternoon
 I lie upon my back for the breeze to ease
 and the shadow returns
 but the bird

255

the education department taught me
 [it] is not my trouble I am concerned with
 [but it is all troubling] [use brackets]
 put a thought into a soul call theirs like altruism
 and stay

256

the philanthropist the philosopher
 declares cause and remedy
 theory and action everything begins with theory
 the educated philanthropist begins
 as philosopher

257

soul [and he said heart] but it was a weakness of soul
 to arrange one's own ness neatly
 without consideration of those about
 [they just went to labor camps] [they just did what they were told]
 [and washed their clothes on Sundays]

258

the direction of the moon left to right
 there is an eclipse soon supposed to say how small humanity is
 [I had not considered]
 [the sound of the moon] [is a soft electronica]
 [listen]

259

and what faith to say the sun is stillness
 [it is I who orbit]

like midnight is stillness [it is I who orbit]
 when the sun is done for now and the moon I pass
 about

260

put a number on love
 called it one hundred and said
 all of the other numbers mean one thing
 [but the weight of the universe is one]
 [and zero means nothing]

261

all of the categories in a row
 spanned the continent [it was a continent of interest]
 but that is nothing compared to
 the bricks they made with each category and inventing when they needed
 [but I am a philosopher] [it was my idea]

262

technology and the production of spirit
 the author
 but it was a spouse built the printing press was an opportunist built
 the internet
 [and whether I care for myself now that I am my own producer]
 [no] no said the editor [I]

263

the rains came like a book of rain
 promising good [health] promising the sound of rain
 it is the language of pause [I am indoors] [now]
 nor a break in the sky but fullness
 [this is not my time] but pause [wait]

264

bits and barbs pieces shards and pain
 the little lives of mongrel camps and scraps and [what they say is faith]
 everything is in something else
 [and without name] [and without confidence]

but violence but violence

265

there is a paper for every record said technology no more
now everything is kept [everything]
now everything is alphabetized and put into a place
nothing is lost again everything is referenced everywhere
[except the liar]

266

machine travels east picks up dirt
travels west puts down dirt travels east
the robot painted the car the man directed the robot
the man is in the machine the soul is in the machine
making something big I cannot lift myself

267

[hey kid get outta here]
[don't let me see you around here again]
[you'll hurt yourself]
[did you climb that fence]
[do your parents know you're here]

268

the cicadas rose in anthem
the hot ness of the sun
was an afternoon sitting by
they answer rise and answer again
rise and answer again

269

the lights off somewhere in the afternoon
through the window and minding the day
[apparently the birdfeeder requires attention]
[apparently]
[the dependent birds apparently] [wait]

270

half light cross the room nor shadows
 and the sky half light nor shadows the trees
 half light at noon was the clouds nor rain
 and everything is equal and without sound
 and everything is equal for sight

271

I live
 I breathe without contemplating breath
 it is the sight the sound and sense
 I consider is whether I participate is whether I be
 among

272

twere the clouds in a row begin and begin
 each time I open my eyes
 and today there are none the sky is blue
 and now the wind when
 I was happening to the forest

273

tired like a mule
 bent down from doing [things for others]
 and to celebrate what [is a question]
 was a day said my own I am no
 slave

274

the slave ate the food prepared by the master
 [said make your own now on]
 was the master's garden the master's animals
 said I am no slave but make no money
 said I am no slave but make for my family

275

winter is six months off
 will be here quick I was settling my mind to thought
 the bag with wheels will require skis

said the homeless [man]
[will need a warm blanket] [a warm coat] [to sleep in]

276
the monkeys at the zoo
hung from an arm made a sound
ignored one and another waiting
waiting for bananas and people
[I do not think so]

277
its been a long time the sky
has since turned has since reared itself to darkness
history tells me
tomorrow will come again I do not know
[if I will be here]

278
dug a hole in the earth dug up bones
[fossils]
no they are not six thousand years old
they are six million years old
in some places petrified wood can be found

279
there once was a forest here
yes before the parking lot
and before that before the desert before the swamp
before time
before there were watches

280
I have lived a long time [comparatively]
I am a tall person [comparatively]
I make good music say it is the stars was
what made me
[ask] have I happened before

281

sonar the moon the man in the moon
 watches with sonar
 said no more destruction for me
 [establish] an observatory here watch
 outer space and earth on occasion [living forever]

282

the coin collector
 followed the rules
 the categories one for each
 and measured success
 as nothing left to do but duplicate [no]

283

an old face a familiar face
 with lines now lines and sun freckles
 old friend
 are we not the same for appreciation
 with gray hair

284

I measure the wind I face the wind [summertime]
 I measure the wind against the bird
 I measure the wind was the storm approaches with darkness rain
 I measure the wind for sound against the trees
 against my door slamming I measure the wind

285

was the moon pushed the wind pushed the ocean
 [not really] was the moon pulled the forest again and again
 was the moon pulled the ocean again and again and the wind
 [and what it does to me] is
 fullness I stand in front of receiving a tide of

286

held the book to the sky said language
 and all of the sounds said meaning

a sense to this and to this and to this
but he was no teacher and had no one to communicate
with

287

the teacher taught language spelled things
correctly so as not to be confused with
miscommunication
grew forehead lines and required glasses she
was self taught [this is the best way to be] [after]

288

wisdom is constitution said they get along
pass freely between churches pass freely
from school to school and home
wisdom and with names on each of the structures
like signs like little corporations

289

the age of indifference said it is their turn
said he looked into the mirror and out again
and the rituals of death and being until
he gathered his books in a little pile and named them
for his family

290

the solid demeanor
there is a difference between fear and being prepared
there are people and things
which erode a confidence make one be
differently referenced

291

the sky grew dark and quiet immediately
[then the rain] and the wind started
hellfast and sideways pounding darkness and hail
lasted for a spectacle and cleared
[it is quiet now] [like summer again]

292

the language of nature
taught the stations taught the cycles was
forty years passed my own and I see
this is to be expected
most of this is to be expected

293

the wand lit
demonstration
force meets magic and conscience was a wizard
[magic only works with a conscience]
[like philosophy]

294

never will I be as I was
carrying nothing
and with no memory for interference it is
time as learning and learning model
is a heaviness comes with age
brings one to thought

295

the weight of the universe is one
he laid his head down down
until it was let by the pillow
the universe is matched against conscience
for nothing for balance he slept

296

every life on this earth
the categorical frames of being the deer feared the bears
the omnivores the bears
and the wolves at the moon
the categorical ways of what a body requires
is capable of

297

they kept building structures kept putting about
frames [frames]
there was once a forest without end was once
an unstopped river
called nature called beauty

298

the lawyer represented
the teacher represented
the doctor was a teacher
the others represented what they believed
the others spoke and read

299

[I have kept freedom in a pocket]
[but that is far and away] [that is else]
[for to never consider freedom is to be free]
[what it is I require is an effort]
was the flowers required a seed

300

conceptual freedom is a vocabulary
comparative [theirs was only about theirs]
[God is no language is every language]
and that which is extinct was limited
comparatively

301

what does nature require but compassion
[they have tools to end the lives of the else]
[they are powerful] [call power by power's name]
they should live freely as they have
I say

302

but it was God interfered
it was a tornado

took their home [said God]
 and who can argue against almighty force
 [am I not small now]

303

the weight of the universe is one
 everything is a division of the universe
 [started one to count] [what is included]
 [and was a thought a heavy thought]
 [still] [could not match being among]

304

the temple and the gone tribe
 the temple still is
 and covered with nature hidden
 from the anthropologists the archaeologists
 [concealed from the people]

305

bang crash
 [metal on metal] [was steel against stone]
 the collision is intentional they are digging [a hole]
 [there is water] [there] [said a measurement]
 [we] are making this habitable because
 [money]

306

the visitors were no longer strangers
 they had shared a meal had stayed overnight
 [called friends] [now] looking back from
 retirement
 this is called wisdom [who would believe]

307

was the desert said the coyote
 was the mountain said the bear
 was the swamp said the cat
 was the forest said the wolf

was the prairie said the badger

308

I crept
among the wildflowers

with heavy feet

[thought]

is

309

the day began in earnest with
a risen coffee as halo

[speech]

[triumph] the risen step of

being

[I am] again

310

intentions and the thought of another
nor afterthought but

near to history and making

[esteem]

[was a dream returned her to] [I]

311

juggled a ball differently with one hand

held a thought in the other and

talked a poem to himself for practice it is

winter and cold elsewhere but I

I see the sun

312

sideways glanced at freedom

[sometimes it is difficult to tell]

waiting

was time and land [good land] [and]

[slow time]

313

the train

had no tracks carrying carbon and the weight of indifference

[blow your horn] [there are people in the way]

[getting pregnant with love]

[in mind]

314

the lifted paragraph onna plane

slipped through customs

[going far away where] [they speak with their hands]

had his photograph his blind photograph he

plays the violin

315

laughter o laughter

I begin to see reason when the moon is high

like lunacy

[contain oneself]

make a riddle not a joke [is interest]

316

let the day

because it balances without interference

[and they continue to want fifty one percent]

the weight of the universe

is host to want to possession

317

I am freedom because

I say I am freedom

I say there is no detention there is no cable

[it is the wind for memory] [and the night]

[it is] [when there is no company to keep]

[but]

318

the simple wood bang bang
 with the storm the roof
 and now the water down down rush down
 balance to the sweat the humid sweat
 and the wind for now the open
 windows [pour]

319

the parade o they sing holiday
 and veteran [which war was that] [by your age I]
 [say]
 the old cars fixed and painted gone out for spectacle
 once again with flags

320

the difference between then and now
 I am older I no longer run I carry things
 [like a hat]
 I have a cane set aside for age
 I have names for them and them who would not move
 when asked

321

one two three the count goes so
 I imagine the telephone line
 how they would call in emergencies
 and the birds atop
 listening
 [but there are no telephone lines any longer]

322

the way in which she grew old [alone]
 but she was not alone
 just without me nor waiting
 though
 [mine was never a game and I never supposed]

323

the librarian

went to Barcelona when that car crashed into those people

went to Ethiopia when there were people starving

went to Venezuela when the election did not count the ballots

went to Ireland went to Dublin went to Trinity College to see an old book

324

winter is a goat

they named the goat and when

ready

they stopped the goat butchered the goat

ate the goat

325

the sun went behind the moon

and a shadow thus say darkness

like sorcery had I

not understood the nature of time

[the clouds were away] [today]

326

once in a time the risen sun

colors them clouds for a moment until the day

from black to blue sky

the clouds collect the pink and white

[I am] [nearly alert] [I am alert]

327

the fundamentals of astronomy

start with the sun and the moon

[but the stars]

[and math]

[math is introduced] [and conscience]

328

the end was a shiver

clipped his finger on a shard

[eight hundred years old]

I am eight hundred years old and made a pot
put it in the corner of my bedroom

