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rain

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110 e 10th for to go icons now dead

memory rain memory umbrella social change still moves swiftly

no one remembers when there was destruction when

music plays soundly
street people coins
street delivery coins

blind rooftops clouds darkness June

commution plan how to fit a million people at once

genius no one stalls government who does not think

hardwood starbooks one satellite track they come

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traveling to poetry as if it were destination

fruitman stands fruit can get wet

audience waiting for great things prepared

big words nobody speaks the images

art stole things then art is the opposite

art stole things then art is nature

visual art stole things then art is literal

art as expansion then art is small

and music in backgrounds saying things which do not stop Elvis is a grocer Elvis is a publisher Elvis is serving coffee

the museum is something other this is not a museum

to delight in rain when this is an umbrella

courage is small ways acknowledging the possibilities

she was courage and she lit a cigarette

wet book what does it do to thought now

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does bigness come and recede and where do builders go

plugs his machine into walls plugs himself

poetry of grocery lists how mundane until suicide

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and what is good when the mundane is great

to love sports to sit on the couch and to love sports

who finished time when it stopped considering futures

realizes school wrote a poem and school was finished

drank a beer and divorced things indiscriminately

took his drugs away and replaced them with ideas

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white van carries all the ingredients for people bed in the back

expects things from strangers eats strangers

boat launch spaceship launch stop for winter

visitors and when they are my own and overstay who can overstay

independent until the day he died alone

starbucks has a brain on every corner

the place at the edge of crazy stone walls

who protects who when laws are guidelines who considers protection

fear shoot that into space shoot that with lasers and bombs

tall ceilings 20 feet could fit more people inside if it were 2 floors

but what is lighthouse when it is not near water

ideal competing ideals war competing wars

lowers his voice to talk at dogs

talks at birds in clicks

talks at people with eyes

medical concerns where to turn but inward

social concerns how to bring them to medicine

the difference in pizza Manhattan chowder what came first who cares about history

how do worms come out when it rains when there is cement who is sentimental about worms

longhand among computers what is diversity then

print for virtual copies go away at the end of the day

nine cats one cat chasing Andy Warhol with a fuzzy ball

next stop train station
enter on the right
don't step on the orphan

ground rumbles even a city underground even to the center of the earth where to build then?

engines move slow all in a row to classical music

and is old York proud I know nothing of them

crossed legs sleep at the museum told things

train hat conducts things

installing software into
people
who is uneasy

meeting people hello ya uh huh uh huh museum

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divisionists museumists what is not something other

worth value the price of time bellview dong

rainstop mimes umbrella shakes chicken curry fever

walkrain puddles old friend one thousand miles

cheap jewelry plastic bulbous necklace testicle necklace

phantom spam misery to act daily to charge admission

smoky bus siren stand aside responsibility

centers to amble past centers centers little Jesus institutions

poetry inna Wednesday through Sunday box

little books of rain still falling from trees clear sky

bulletins bulletins again the vote

no mystery no mysteries until midnight then is quiet getting ahead responsibility calling things

day passes in cars little city birds cigarettes

homeless what does five dollars bring

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damn dogooders replacing self peace with ideas what is social peace

connections and how to start what are stages what are foundations

underground railroad mimes acting as mimes

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underground railroad anyone anywhere rest

the last cathedral was great this cathedral is only great

to hold to museum things when cathedrals do not hold to museum things

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the psychology of social work psychography the other

stealing ideas it is too long over lunch

divisionists then Seurat is stolen

who steals the Guggenheim checking in with who steals the Guggenheim

writes upside down eats finger food votes

big sandy bottoms ocean landfill

keeps peace keeps changing what its called

police and if realism then education

voices what's going on Saturday night

getting by on food there is more a body requires

old stone order new glass intentions

meditations internal dialogue and then language pause

Bakhtin's novel rambles over context sleeps in bed

currents ships come and go only a city

the limits of information via e-mail

what is information when it is expected

what is information when it is unexpected

suitwearing man safari hat chewing gum

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drying from cause the trees still rain

summons soundbites from poetry what is context

to hear more than what is said city wind

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built a good library
and
called it information

still building what is not done building

cigar two for 13 dollars outside table

postal service the cost of star wars stamps R2D2 mailbox

been walking urban trails stop every intersection restart

collects bags puts them inna cart

umbrella just an object without rain

square stones one hundred years old still new

found a space for inner things

telephones telephones what is left behind

adventure is building a tall glass idea

conformity when difference is conformity

is one year of college enough for what?

shiny things the pageant and lights what lights up

closed for the day objects rest museum

student in this place learns other things

what city goes to rural places with ideas

found nickel for luck or who gets rid of coins

Irish and what else meatloaf water potatoes

old store internet how to get wires in there

ageless pen who discovers things who is who anymore

all night wind status of receiving

tomatoes soil light water

arranging futures who thinks to ten years

sustainability what and what is natural selection if

free will and good things what gives choices

what building lasts forever

what idea lasts forever as written

water drive by old boat sinks unless

cat boxer cat chase cat mind

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what is DUI to fear consequence what is authority to be mad at cars

baseball season ball lost inna bush

chain link fence climb barefoot

strawberry milk things added to cows

what is a 3 1/2 hour commute one way

books as reference mind staples do I remember how to read

SETI aeropods airfeet

meatloaf seaside junkology yacht club

anchors here too since 1755

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what time is it now after the rain

heavy things to get ahead of oneself

pregnant with ideas who to receive them

places bitter things dry grass

orders each make a church and claim that God

orders and who has the biggest building

who is the professor of streetsmarts

how does a professor of streetsmarts collaborate with the professor of systematic theology or no

boat day take theology with you it needs to get out now and then

Beverly Hills cutoff T-shirt

polka dot boots inna rain mud

separate churches inna neighborhood different expressions

theatre of the insane theatre of the sane

those with prejudice those without prejudice

division bell Pink Floyd neo-impressionists dots

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little communities among ageless ones

who is St. Mark the poetry man where to find him

the religion line the museum line the school line braids

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sandstone soapstone cottonwood idols

sets time apart to forget that fun forgets that

Memphis Keyport fire museum keeping ideas

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inna sitty
language
what is useful and
what else

thongs leather thongs setting them aside in conversation barefoot

love is the best I remember

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gray hair time quietly

tossing concepts conversation in concepts

international work
fly away
home
talk about mmeatloaf

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12 hours what is the best 12 hours imaginable

big screen video game to grow up on quarteers what is Donkey Kong

sun beats deck splinters

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to profit from oppression what is misrepresentation

invest and to make a profit by managing the object

sources hearsay I say this is original

black and white photographs nostalgia or information

photographs as nostalgia photographs as information

painting pictures who paints Raphael when a camera

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mostly serious when the laundry cannot be ignored

used no lights in house today

hey to the boardroom who is giant today

flukes flounders sea robins skates crowded house

squealing car fanbelt drives like a bus 50 mph

Dunkin Donuts brings breakfast brings astronaut breakfast

met Warhol met pigtracks met coffee

city bus one hour to pretty women

miserable and singing because of it

eight police inna line how many for this problem requires

escape from the park of good intentions forty dollars

see the fed birds see me

ferry to this is nature

the clouds one hundred degrees summer lovers

who takes this money and pins it to walls

out of this world hey Atlantis afterthought 2007

poker how many varieties who bluffs bluff

corner immigrants is this what my fathers did

China lunch China coke China pork

Apple invents shit borrow the store check e-mail

bands where to practice come together come together

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strawberry fields the nature subway under

people lines through the
earth
who stands in shorter lines

didn't see a star ate dinner anyway asked when Boston comes

birds invite friends go away come again

once a cop now again with conditions

wrinkled shirt dresses down in styled ways intentions

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cut grass sea wind old lady love smell screen porch

animal control for who disturbs a golf course

animal control for city mooses and noise ordinanace horns

circumstance brings only a lesser boat floats

sea food old houses clams never change the water

Sunday stillness things go by and change for that Monday ship rivers market waterways business business

connections people reasons knowing somebody

San Francisco beer innna place

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decentralizing poetry and then what to churchmuseums

Dominican social workers the narcs deciding on language

electronic education when standards are literacy

goes to math puch away math or conscious math

math as jazz this comes what jazz is social

TV's on buildings inna rain

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anybody nobody everybody somebody Norris

eats things fromma ground anyplace except for that

ice coffee go on village voices June Christmas decorations fire escape

props and signatures to be famous then go home

the hard working hard eating fish raising children

stone church
poetry projects projecting
voter's rights

making a system of things people do who is uncomfortable

social elements in hospitals who grows tomatoes

known a God and acted that way

been a God and acted that way

gives change to men sitting on the ground what is change

tilapia fishheads here too Cameroon she thinks

only visits museums where the director is an asshole

donates money to museums tax write off what is donation

collects money for old paintings admires budgets

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the history of art what year is great and relevant

works for a company works for a man in a company works for family

brought home ideas that might have worked what is a problem

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turns on water lets it run nature then

west side story Mississippi and Hudson lines

trains planes and automobiles been growing ever since

forefathers what are you building

golf niche sells cigars and calls that peace

commutes to work on foot stops for coffee

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steadies a brush in memories

finds old things and calls that art and duplicates that

tennis anyone neighbors and fences barbecues

city sunburn and sombrero bayboats and sailing there

newspaper trains getting there the day ends like this

home is where you hang your hat and don't argue about hospitals

old religion inna city things go by at a rate of science

public schools
ideas
what is different though
where I have been

new pen what ideas from this

the greens marshlands between cities to breathe

hunger dissolves and interest to be fed

solutions to what problem is there acknowledge

away and thinking of home moments this

cobbled paths olden grown trees roots push up old stones

regular busses pass south bound slow lights stop man hanging upside down

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boat she floats

good enough the rain one speed wipers clean air

talks a lot since Tuesday when history got big again then

train tracks turned to trails rusted others high speed

clears a way for living on outsides

draws a line for the quantifiable is qualifiable

to protect oneself establish defense who is first to establish defense

bird feeder none come bring a friend

spreading seeds across a table not minding the squirrels

can it be stopped what I heard pause

wind starts through trees go's and pause wind starts through trees

holds so cathedral built on sacred soil

the fires what is safety

belongs to resist possession then what emptiness?

fleet the birds to be fed

goes away returns with coffee mug talks about things

public library
place to sit outside
public tables

the tallest building on a cloudy day only offices

sponsors relevant things able to sponsors relevant things

poetry when it meant something other

steals subjects calls them names calls other things names steals subjects

great building for art how to represent art

jail for wrongful things not to say too much of pennance

visiting old controls the path among trees

tree of life she followed that

dark water working water ships come and go

horn blows exit ship pulls out travels hum

old poets barometer still thinks everything is everything I listen

subtler code poetry grew quiet and irrelevant

said to learn things
every doctor should know
the limits of profession

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Navy family defended things lived that way

down logs rot the insects then the birds

what starts change nothing starts change but to reflect

old growth didn't shave today the trees

stopped short of certainty ate a croissant instead

airplane another out the window making trails through clouds

afternoon

new news what is new what is not war

claiming for fresher things and what to do with the old

wrote a nound
a verb
a noun
let me decide if it was
poem

followed closely stepped off for something better

song birds I only know birdsong as that of birds no response to appreciate