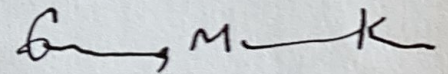


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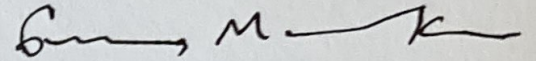
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Madison

the tree grown from underground like roots
roots are theoretical from my perspective
the height of the tree underground

the small seed of the big tree
the big seed of the small tree

the sapling has roots
the dicotyledon

the coned angiosperm

and I used big words unnecessarily

the canopy newly green
the gymnosperm
and the walnuts in september fall

through the night
sound
like newton's apple gravity

the percussive
the random percussive
the ~~wa~~ black walnut tree is one hundred and fifty years old
the black walnut tree is one hundred and fifty feet tall

the walnut tree can be tapped like maple

-

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the anaesthete

and were the rooted word aesthete

o slumber

be mine

the washington post writer in the dress

standing next to her wife

'twas recreational and jameson irish whiskey

and the snow

once snowed six feet of snow in one snowfall

buffalois the meeting of the lakes

'lake effect'

is called

o slumber

'twere said

the insomniac

'shoulda had decaf'

permafrost may or may not be the same as the top of the mountain

and were there a painless way to die

I have heard hypothermia a

doze to sleep

and the view

and capitol capital punishment I have not decided

—

(it) is out of season
the christmas ornament
(it) is now easter
and friday is good friday

(it) the felt of purple
the appearance of an astronomical sun with
flames

the slush at
the grocery parking lot

is nearly spring
per weather

and the ice will melt

-

dear mats (re surveillance mots)

point and click is easy and I do not require a jumbling of telephoto
lenses and babies

I have never been to the caribbean

enjoy the afternoon

spring is coming on

when the birds

-

The Department of the Interior

Washington

April 1904

Dear Sir:

The Department of the Interior

Washington

April 1904

Dear Sir:

gringos everywhere
sound like mexicans nowadays

my g paternal grandmother driving by a z boarded church
visible from the rooftop of MMOCA
(it) is the mexican church

and after mass
downstairs
where the conference room is
next to the small chapel
I saw someone walk into the chatty room
where the doughnuts were
the altar boy said
(it) is a private party
in black gown with white lace atop

andthe value of low rider bicycles (I am told)

-

suns of quandary

is my foundations

is first light

is risen is

begun

and I to alert

before

and reveille is no reconaissance

there is food

one of eight is kitchen patrol (kp)

reconaissance with

radio

objective

andwere cia controls the fbi

may or may not convey with special machines with
cupholders

-

of
the things (things) I have not completed
I have not visited my birthplace
I have not purchased gentleman's jack a second time
jim beam is ten dollars less per one point seven five
I have not worn a coonskin cap
I have not caught a 'coon in a live trap nor
the yard rabbit I once ate
with jelly and asparagus
I have not affectively effectively melted glass
the blown
vase
like cat eye marbles the kaleidoscope the beach glass
the colored glass
through the window
and I have not
prepared an hunted food I have killed and
the coonskin of the live trap to be
tossed into a lake, -trap and all twenty minutes afterwhich
skin animal for the coonskin cap
raccoons are omnivores and have sharp teeth
at state campgrounds raccoons eat well leftover food and may be
forty five pounds and nocturnal raccoons scavenge in the darkness
and
the yardrabbit forwhich there are no predators
an overpopulation ponderance and of their own healthy diet
the yardrabbits are edible
and the smaller than coon livetrap for slow cookables
to be placed in the pre prepared bathtub the duration of twenty minutes
until skinnable
andwhich an ovened rabbit at three fifty forty minutes
swathed in mediterranean olive oil

and asparagus grows in the ditches with butter

the fontball of the selectric II typewriter
allows
for typing speeds in excess of two hundred twenty words per minute

the manual typewriter I
am typing on presently
hunt and peck
is good because the speed of my poetry is
eighteen words per minute

were I to
transcribe written notes
faster than thought

nothing is better than a good water color painting

the way
the seagull and
the surf and
the crepuscular twilight the heavens like shown through the clouds
and sundown (then)

(it) is dark

and
poetry is without translation
relative
to audience

and what does rhyme in another tongue
(the)

the bowl of

eggs

the incubation of

the eggs

into

chickens

inna

box

-

the speaking plant

and pagan for
speaking to an other plant

andthe pagan is natural
the pagan eats plants

chickens from the bird's birds' nest
traded at the general store
for

with a bag of lizards like
currency
the pagan

a lizard giving birth will
give birth to one thousand
little lizards
a big snake ball

the speaking plant

gave the other
speaking plant a name
(thus)
andwere reason
atween

-

twenty pound cotton paper
absorbs
ink
watercolor

and the onion skin for industrial typewriters in the field

the art of ink
the fountain pen and three millimeter nib
gold ink pools above the page and
the blackest black

-

the wish
the tree trunk
and were chainsaw sharpened

is polished is dried is polished
for tabietop
to count the rings

the suns of quandary each
a birth to trees

and
the cranking of the thorns is
a natural reaction

the supernal being and with
(its) own heroes

the experient were
origins

the stone cut
a slab two feet in diameter
and polished
the window like stained glass
transparent translucent opaque

geology
the compression of igneous into
the stone
the marble

and thrown with metamorphic
the igneous the higher melting point of igneous I do not know
it were igneous for compression of an earth above to cause
hardness diamonds
and thrown with the metamorphic the lava into the air and
the oozed lava

the stone cut is from the igneous stone and
polished

-

to sleep
near
the babbling brook

awake
one time
and
again in the morning

and were the stars
I remember near
the babbling brook

sand
at river's edge
the swimming hole

were it idealism
were it ideation and how

easy it is to touch

sleeping bag upon
sand

-

ninety nine poems
(in translation)

it is difficult to translate a poem
particularly rhyming poetry
the haiku
the sonnet

woman
the title and the poem
sixteen fifty ad

how hot the skin
she covers.

-

andthe old separated
there were
a church on corners when
they died
andthe legacy for what is now
responsibility

andthe old separated
unto
their given striations
as they do

-

there is evidence
were one to believe in bones and
births

in legacy

-

it is cloudy and the sunrise
quick
the saturday market
I find molasses and chocolate chip
bread
and mushrooms from mushroom growers
for salad
for barbecue
farm elk from the camouflage man
cheese
honey from local honeybees
squished into ulee bottles
and someone
selling green onions at the card table

andthere are no more
buildings when the buildings are removed
andthe
uneven dirt is leveled as natural

-

the free
and were free association why
they whistled
amongst
themselves

-

the epitation of the free

and were only metaphors
proverbs

not

to have been invented like

just

just is an epitate unto
engels

and one (thing) is not another

-

and saturday I see
a people of last week like
the petite red hair woman with three young red hair children and
the candlelighter

and she opens the door an hour before the eight a m mass

and there is a taurus from
the waterpool

and saturday it rains a long rain today

speech used to be on sixty minutes on sundays

-

the variable

$x = y$

now y

(thus)

$y = x$

andif

z

(then)

and the lingual the sublingual

the liminal

the drifted clouds and were bird on wind

to stare as deliberately

the falling leaf like

study

the subliminal I do not know and cannot know

and for instinct

is preference to regard pineapples and

fresh cherries

(thus)

speculation is modernity

-

invention and the surface of invention
is said necessity were
cause

a study of potence

a study of fertility

the xyphoid process connects a ribs is
osteo
cartillagenous

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mister sp sepulveda coached four seventh and eighth grade football teams
mister sepulveda taught typing class
since I had already played two years of flag football in elementary school
I already knew I wanted to play lineman

I once typed a ten page paper in one sitting andwith bibliography

the keys of the typewriter are covered with electrical tape

I once wrote a visual poem

with
letters inna

heartshape of letters like

valentine

like standardized testing mister sepulveda would
tell the fifteen students each at their own manual typewrtiter
'go'
and sixty seconds a students would type a selected paragraph
to determine their speed of typing
and the end of semester would reflect an higher typing speed
per practice

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t
(things) lead to the concept

and etymology
(then)

by which
(I)
know the question asker
intimately

and were epistemic epistemizing
the aesthete

upon a settled dictionary
(then)
were content

concept
(things lead to the ~~content~~ and having

the requisite of language afore

(things) lead to the concept and the value of the concept
is language
~~and the~~
(its own object)

-

constellations upon the material properties of the universe

it is beauty

I indicate

andwere name to find

again

the nominal

the constelled

the poet

andwere gathered andwere hero'ed

the cultures

andwhen the clouds I trust

-

the folding table near the cash register with the poet selling
'poems in front of you' for one dollar
and within sixty seconds
the poet was topless looking over her shoulder
and with mullet to her shoulders
I do not know nor am aware of horns
bertrand russell is a good poet he writes science
'twere aristotle invented science

eaux arcs
eau the bookbuyer
and one ahind '
may I have your signature
for your book
black pussy revolution
glossy cover

the rough draft in writing inwhich
errors are released
sent

the practice painting
professor stambach is playing the cello
(
)
and I
once
played greensleeves classical guitar

there were
a woman married to a grateful dead musician
played tamborine

the rough draft in painting and
the manuscript of the painter
summa

andwere framed (for)
there were no gallery decided with
unfinished work

-

constellations upon the material properties of the universe

and all is named were there

no more material

(and were naming the invention of material

(and were discovery the invention of name

-

noninterest and elections

because an opiates

I am not convinced the evening news is not censored

like nbs operates on advertising dollars

and the county fair is no opiatebecause

the horse races

and the clouds are no opiate and are good to sleep by

like the stars

I do not own a root cellar in regards to opiation

there are (things)

require

attentionthe jeweled frog of many colors perched upon his butt like buddha

and the sound of thunder

rolling

and the ritual is no opiate

-

flat prairie
in all directions
and without cloud
and when it is night

-

the wigwam I imagine has
birchbark walls bent with steam over bendable poplar

I once saw a long house and; _if I am not mistaken, one hundred families within

the cement teepee next to six others had a 'motel' electric sign and
there was plumbing within each free standing teepee

a tent for camping and is the rain the reason for the tent and
to sleep under the stars

for permanance I like brick nor too large
for cleaning

and nearenough nature

-

after two hundred years the borders
are pretty well set
the natural feature borders
river
river
and the name of the cities change every generation
and the cities go away altogether said ralph waldo emerson

and come again

and a civil war

and a world series (they)

just

kept having sex

and the governments with the buildings
and all of the histories
and all of the natural selections in the life of a star

they kept having sex
the cities kept having sex

-

all the trees remained
a small grove in the prairie
and now
sticks the same height as the trees
and there were one with leaves

and the tree on the hill
the only one for
silhouette

-

the trophy
how gold the trophy
lustre
twenty three point nine nine nine karat
and of point zero zero zero one impurity there
is
gold
the trophy the shiny object
capitalism and trophy
communism and trophy
totalitarianism and trophy

and the school bus
they were talking animals
and were

aesop's animals were discussed 'of'

and from ponderance the same animal
two aspects
the animal speaking for itself
the animal being spoken of

and in war

ponder
were (it)
man versus man
man versus himself
man versus nature
man versus god

-

the unknowable
the stars are unknowable
andwhere
the clouds will be what the clouds will appear as is unknowable
like speculation is unknowable
migrations are unknowable
the way a peopling is studied
a peopling is unknowable in certainty
and the ocean is warm this winter I do not know
the cost of a fire
and what order to divinity
and who will make the next game
of phallic objects
of money
of smarts
of procreation
of animalism
and if a ~~EM~~ stone can speak a stone has no cause
(the moveable moved
(andwere possible a speaking to cause
(and the governor

-

doctor hornor had the big office
an old eight bedroom three story house renovated
door to the exterior and entire first floor were doctor hoener's
the third floor was a classroom
the second floor other faculty offices

doctor hornor introduced me to the faculty in
the next old house in a row
the second floor up the steps was a vaulted ceiling and carpet

though
doctor hornor had the big office

-

the office a stack
xerox paper

paper cutter with the paper clips
the big paper clips

-

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a day
after
their parents' die
children
start
eating again

_on the advantage of being able to talk with aliens

verbally

(it) was so loud

she can now talk with aliens

-

(let) the rain
and were the clouds the rain eventual

is deductive

it is the smell I say

-

the figurine moved
andthe person moved like

the person moved
andthe figurine moved like

voodoo
to move the figurine inwhich

-

nor I

I have not been within a lighthouse
to view
to change the bulb
and there were
a forest fire tower watch tower
from atop the highest elevation
the forest ranger above treetop
three weeks in a row
the door to the fire tower enters the stilted cabin from
the underneath
up a metal staircase the four pillar directions
the stairs change ninety degrees
in spiral to the underneath door
inside
glass large windows on each the four walls
and a place to sleep near
scopes andoculars of several varieties
to notice smoke
call the forest service headquarters whereat
a response is decided
I have never driven a submarine
nor I

izhaxezzeoztzhennazfarnozand

and I have not spent time in a well
and nitrous tractors with flames
and I have been in a root cellar and there were rat traps
and when the tornado
'there were two sheds' 'two of the three sheds gone'

the lighthouse

I imagine a surf sound
and the distant horn the fog
and I have never been within a tugboat
the nearest one is good do they have tours
and the submarine north a few miles do they have
tours

probably the only social event the writers do all year
sure they can read a poem in the ballroom during
their two night regional stay

and there is a buffet

and a keynote speaker

and the dance with good local dj

writing is a solitary endeavor

-

there is no candle
what is exterior is no dissuasion
is no mantra

-

were there grass

let

and the yard become wist and higher grass

andwith flowers wildflowers here

there

the seeds are on the top of the grass

the turned like ~~heme~~ asparagus

grass like wheat

-

the wind

a wind sounds through grass

there is an hawk

predatorial

circling

-

the yard animals

near the tall grass prairie

caught by the predatorial hawk

eaten

the yard rabbit the squirrel

the hawk in the tree with meal

after

-

the projectile
from the lithic
attached to a string
for the fish
with the arrow
through it

the atlatl predates the bow and arrow
neolithic is
once
lithic

I am
postpositive

-

and the feet
serif serif
are not what weighs one to the earth
it were the earth itself
gravity
and were sans serif (thus)
'twere stilts upon an hardened
soil
for soft soil and stilts
the stilts poke in

-

the projectile from the lithic
weapon were
blackpowder the projectile the lithic were
blackpowder the rifle the lithic

and to strike
the target

and the lithic is the tool is the hammer
and one's reach

the filibuster

if were a component of rules a (uh) order
eg robert's rules of order and the others

stands for reason

I have never lived to be one hundred and one years old

strom thurmond may or may not have participated in a filibuster
as spectator

the assumption of the floor
and there is one floor
per agreeable rules of order

there is a podium
there is a land area of which the senator cannot stray

the river next to the saint croix and
what is gravity atween a two rivers called
stream capture called
confluence
a first toward ones relevant gravity afore (they) meet

the boundary waters
atween the saint croix
atween the mississippi

eau

eaux

were the atches

'there is a sandstone'

overhead the silence as the rolling water

the water once rolled through

taking

depositing like gravity were sedimentary stone

and the buffalo far away beginning reintroduction nineteen ninety or were it ~~was~~
wolves

the remote part of the wilderness area
is fauna is flora
one may camp for free and there are no open flames allowable
for an interest of forest fires

in the winter the parks close

people vacation in summertime when beaches
when mountains with prairie meadows

food is hung from a tree by a tent string
so the raccoons and
the bears
are not attracted and there be food in the morning
when the first light
crepuscular
starts the propane water boiling for instant coffee

packs out their trash
leaves only footprints
takes only photographs

-

a survey of burial practices is
anthropological
and were
to form an opinion is a question of ones belief in afterlife
were opinion
written
into ones will

-

~~late into night~~

late into night
the monkey calls

-

the intern at the publisher
cut galleys
researched the middle reader book market
purchased a signed copy of a recent great book

next to the art center

the one owned by the cowboy boot makers

with the quality illustrations and photographs

-

a manuscript
designed
into
graphic physical
bound in spinal thread
and leathered

-

and the story were metaphoric
were once the trees
and the animals still

return
and nature were not nature previous

is to
observe
sensation and perception

raw appreciation

how it begins and
what is become of material

the farm with the fence
there were rations
when the hunters and gatherers changed
the hunters and gatherers grew bellies when their livestock were fenced
there were rations
and they west were tamed

to tame
and to call language at reason

and one can tell the time of day by looking at the sun

-

the house
with the sleeping porch
at the water
it was a hangover

it was near the firehouse the old one no longer used as fire house
with brass rail living area yet from the fire house
the rafting for barbecue
overlooking mensons bay
a large garage where the fire trucks used to be kept

and there is a dirt road to the cabin
in the woods near the pond
with pile of firewood

general store walking distance
morgan freeman was in a movie
just like that
morgan freeman was a writer in the movie
it was really cute
I once lived within walking distance of a general store
I would get penny gum
all I could get with all the pennies I had
one piece of gum per .01 why its called penny gum
and sarsaparill of the ol bob millers sarsaparilla
and beech nut chewing tobacco

and henry david therou after he assumed responsibility for his intransigences
went to cape cod and became old living deliberately
and he would visit the general store to trade chicory for nails (thus
he was not entirely an isolant)

and cape cod has grass in the sand dunes
and
I bet
there are whales all the way to norway

a forests are nearly cut and
grow again
said ralph waldo emerson
itwere paper
made libraries
andthe trees pulped to shred to pulp
squished like yeast
and dried
xerox and cardstock
nor I will mention cotton paper when to mention trees
the white pine
grows
in rows like two by fours in twenty or forty years harvest
birds call in forests when camping
some forests require a fire permit for marshmallows or the trees
will burn
the declaration of independence was written on
paper from a forest
the birch canoe is from a tree though uses the outside of a tree
nor the pulp part
small animals live in dead trees
without dead trees there is no ecosystem
and the termites have no place for the woodpeckers and
a raccoons have no place to sleep in the middle of the day
when the forest is cut
the ground is mud and erodes
ten acres by ten acres at a time
with bulldozers and chains and eighteen wheel flatbed log carriers
to hold in eight logs at a time
the post it note
the typing paper
the disposable nuse wear
the burger king crown
the valentine

-

the camp
across the lake a restaurant called green lantern
and there will be ten lake clams
the new england clam chowder
and there will be ten blue gill
the stone soup recipe
because the picnic table the propane stove and lamp thus
a place to rest

from the remote camp
a traffic sounds
the camp next door getting their fire going

andwhen the stars
thus
andwere sleep mentioned afore sleep

I do not know if sleep were mentioned afore sleep

is first light to remind of
one's nature

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