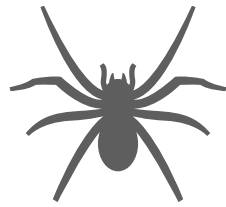


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one generation and the next  
trails and trains  
of exposure

models and mentors and heroes  
that was yesterday  
just

tomorrow's situation  
is when they are done becoming  
having offered

I watched deciding  
validity and invalidity  
as if

custom is someday my own  
she said

you can have it  
it was no burden but you can have  
it

the woven cars the braided cars  
the wet street  
midnight

poets in corners  
watching poets

staring bird  
never  
eats from the feeder

the light in the room

the spatial and the tidied  
the kept  
the gallery

the candle in the room  
still burning at  
dawn

what language do you want this in  
do you mean to keep it  
to yourself

early in the day  
before the cars

the color black  
as night  
but darker

a nondisclosure agreement  
the jail  
for confidence  
(CM)

the ridden lines of poetry  
the dare

the satiable appetites  
the satiable thirst  
the satiable



the rainwater as holy as  
cleanses  
saturates

corn vista rows  
and rows  
sweet corn field corn [question]  
horizon

county highway z  
bread trails

forbidden as night  
even the gentlest night  
is exposure

summons  
tambourine

thespian  
the painted walls  
audients

the skin with water  
on it  
beaded

aphrodisiac was an air  
a principled air  
breath

aphrodisiac  
the cost of attendance  
admission  
to the interior

aphrodisiac the fertile  
lunches  
between lunches

afternoon insects the sounds  
of the afternoon  
crescendo

baseball  
season

flight of the hummingbird  
dart and  
gone

box of sound  
cardboard box of sound

aliens  
the watchtower  
recorded history

in the settled position  
of having known

licit and illicit  
thou shalt  
maybe

the pulled daisy  
up  
rooted  
the stolen heart

ace of spades  
on top

friendly demonstrations  
one to another  
cause

making money saving money  
money to spend  
italices

the cornered youth  
expected  
to assume

magazine  
the printed poem  
among what are other than poems

defiance  
at land's end  
the cliff



I  
don't think you were  
giving me words

the enabled car  
the ennobled car  
the old car

distraction  
the large moth on the screen  
daylight

the presence of understanding  
the lemonade  
mint

worth a melted penny  
the copper  
bead [1970]

arrangements  
spectacle  
the mantel flowers

stay out of my head  
educational technology

wildcat sentry polaris  
shaman  
I got all a's in ninth grade

the bewilderment of  
Fibber McGee  
the perplex of  
Fibber McGee

the speculations  
of divine cause

transcendentalism predates  
the hot air balloon

yonder  
o mercy afar  
caught my eyes

heavy in a lot of ways  
and  
no handles

crepuscular  
first light  
the birds already

the guarantees of satisfaction  
was her  
company

the regular habit  
forged  
and forgotten

was it not  
yesterday

the advance of cause  
what power  
to the sedentary

a walk a sundry a lake  
going to fruition

walking into a library carrying  
multitudes  
exit  
carrying a multitude

science  
Rodin  
material

engraving hearts  
the collared heart  
the band

prototypical the common  
feeling against feeling

whereas  
the dreamt boat summoned  
the tidal moon



operatively speaking  
limoncello  
frozen sweet tart

the written notes  
indicated  
an audience

the definition of  
Fibber McGee

hello  
said the old  
to the new

cultural pluralism  
is spoken  
from a perspective

inside of the guitar  
witness

so  
I did something insignificant today  
just coffee

listen  
listening  
having listened in all directions

the echolocation of  
the prowling domestic  
cat

poverty  
the stringer of voices  
the reasoned want

triumphs  
on their side  
the horses

yonder blue mountain spectacle  
always been there  
always said to have been there

hawk  
using a birdfeeder  
as bait

the stillness of the afternoon  
the stillness of  
response

lemonade half water  
the stillness of the afternoon

but sportsmanship  
is not a game  
like a game

but sportsmanship  
the elevated game

but sportsmanship  
the frames of competition  
one and one apres

it rained all day  
it rained all day  
it rained all day

the apparition of a giant  
moth  
a giant source of light

so clouded as to say  
there is no difference  
there is no definition

the wayward son  
meaning no harm  
the instrumentalist

the anvil the appropriation of  
the anvil's  
stillness

all solid forms come to be known  
as light  
as memory



all is quiet around here  
except for the news  
calamity

the drained lake  
as easy as the dammed lake  
the creek again

was a cloud spoken  
one and another let  
down

value for value  
with or without consent  
fair trade [question]

the autonomy of angels  
who is in charge  
here

a simple highway  
here to there

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that  
makes no sound  
except when it dies

a mile of freedom  
a mile from freedom

wild thing  
you are contraband but not  
contraband

here is a semester and the  
memory of a semester  
academic

the punishment of Fibber McGee  
the bereavement of Fibber McGee  
the history of Fibber McGee

the spilled salt  
was a stolen shaker

literally speaking  
the book  
on the shelf

the posture of the  
dog  
the eyes of the dog

the discerned middle age  
I had not considered  
their and their youth

the position of  
the stars  
spackled thrown

the covered wagon  
the position of  
the stars

near to relevance  
near to beauty station me  
there

the attendants of time  
and with a  
nod

the hovered dinosaur  
with skin  
and eyes

foundations is no elevation  
you are going  
in the wrong direction

supposing  
a flower  
meant

the gotten vote  
the energies of  
the gotten vote

I would not exclude  
naked bodies  
in my museum



the indicating signs  
the road  
signs

whereabout the ballast of peace  
the hot air balloon  
tethered

flown away grown away  
into the night  
like the others

persistence  
the gotten  
dog

remembrance the rumors of remembrance  
rumours  
and I was there

confessions

trust  
elaborate  
something about trust

decadence a fortnight  
is autumn's spell  
cool summer

all of the phantoms  
the ball of phantoms  
the thread of phantoms  
the universe of phantoms

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did you hear the news  
did you want for something more  
I wanted something more

simple like a dandelion  
and there are so many  
of them

the tempered glass  
paneled in colored glass panels  
like stained glass but

why's he so mean  
[conversational]  
he pulled out the chair beneath her

and were it a museum brought about  
history aforementioned  
I was bathing

and by the river the mossed  
stones  
hypnotic stones the clouds

the breast  
below the breast  
the lower back

leatherbound the words  
filled the consequents of  
time

sinisterism as philosophy  
the pulled hair the indian burn  
the intentionally spilled coffee

herald  
sing  
she wears white

and the covers of diplomacy  
all of the contracts  
each of the rivers

biting through  
with enough force  
to say attention

here to there is a line  
I was thinking  
the confounds

struggle and discontent  
are my neighbors  
I was barbecuing

the faded sky for night  
twilight



how interesting  
to hear what you eat  
everyday

there is such a thing  
as  
a rhetorical sentence

the frisbee  
landed  
on the roof near the boomerang

unspeakable  
unspoken and waiting  
contempt

in the broadest terms  
the horizon

rested and breasted  
euchre  
going it alone

the material is  
green and blue  
with a leaf on top

ginger and circumstance  
was her heart  
provisions

walnut  
the first of the season  
still green

adjunct  
poet in residence  
a window

discernment  
nor necessarily a question  
for knowing

aengines silenced aengines  
do you continue counting  
in what language

the ambient the stationary  
the crickets  
the pen

for the next wisdom I will be  
prepared  
taking notes

the adjustments of wisdom  
like age

the radio the owned radio  
the broadcast  
death

the heathen's heaven  
with chandeliers and  
fat

dear Prudence  
where ya going with that gun in your hand  
the times they are a changing

storm tomorrow  
gonna go inside  
sit where I sit

storm tomorrow  
gonna go outside  
walk around simple

sensation and perception  
no oversight  
but language

you were the first  
determination discern  
clever

said the horse to the ewe  
neigh  
bah said the ewe

the cane was supported by  
the table  
hung on the table



the regularity of reservations  
becomes a hindrance  
no  
there is no regularity of  
reservations

the flower  
the daisy

the borrowed  
the kept  
if I offer something it cannot be  
everything

collections  
the cabinet of curiosity  
the stuffed bird

maps shards

prior to beginning  
the appropriation of

some are different I suppose

moonman and the dawg  
abbreviations  
the shortness of summer

do not know the schism  
between  
cats and dogs

would one go to a catholic school  
to be  
something other than catholic  
would one go to a public school  
to be  
something other than public

cheese and consequence pepper jelly  
the status of  
the sausagemaker

the rightness of opinion  
the suffered opinion  
the gray hair  
is time

dairy air  
salted air  
mountain air

gone fishing  
below the surface reminding  
the original position

the conversion the mandate  
the volunteer  
catcalls and whistles  
the first kiss

medium  
the ice had finished  
melting

high point see  
the desert in one direction  
east

high point see  
the perimeter the horizon  
wind

the miniature horse the miniature rider  
the miniature forest  
the miniature trail

the news of the disaster  
struck  
the unaffected

the poet  
assembled  
the camped derivations

but for the owl  
but for the predator  
eyes

blue glass  
light  
upon

the witch's tide  
for  
to own the moon

the fear afraid of fear  
and were it protected were it safe  
friend



time and again  
morning  
breaks

the wheeled cart  
the distribution of  
books

simple like a cat  
o be  
am I not

the carried water  
for  
the sun

and the rain today is gone  
like yesterday  
drought

the surface of the night  
liminal  
subliminal and liminal

the convincing dream  
again and again  
watercolor sky

the weirded ways of man  
having stepped  
away

inclined to believe  
the taxing thought the irrational  
the misunderstood the question

the sandbags bent the water  
the flood

do we not share a cloud  
do we not share  
the envelope of reason

the dimmed summer  
autumn  
bent grass

the flower seed the pumpkin seed  
the grass and the grass seed  
the sage

lost cause  
figuring cause  
let to circles

the chambered mute the pen  
locked  
door

the good secretary o time  
and one hundred words  
correspondence

need I freedom's definition  
qualification  
need I call freedom

the spent vessels the spent  
iron  
ship the rotted steel

the brokered day  
the illustrations of  
the brokered day

the opposed position favored  
the original position  
let itself away

the clan  
the environment  
the youth  
the clan

a breath of fresh air  
about  
change

what promise to  
the entitlements of being  
who is asking

the needy the stifled the  
wanting  
the trodded  
the cup



he was ten or fifteen  
years older than me  
probably still is

the heavy material  
the train steel  
hopped

the flat bicycle tire  
rolled in squishes  
to a stop  
walked

we exhaust this  
find a  
department

physical relations  
conceptual relations  
what is courage

the spider held  
to the interior of the votive holder

the spider held  
the mosquito

the seams of learning  
between  
the paneled classes

noon  
bonged the churchbell

the held witness  
until  
it was said it was painted

amber  
like a stone once alive  
sap

stillness  
favored  
the spider

the trapt  
and were it wicked what it is  
to poke it with a stick

bearing the cross of  
temptation

the channeled grace  
was a prayer  
is

yonder mountain  
fantasy  
electricity  
plumbing

the movements the migrations  
seasonal  
familiar

and the butterfly  
lent  
to the flower

the recreational poet  
the medicinal poet  
just

glass bottle  
coke  
this is not a social prescription

absorbed the wind left for night  
the crept  
sundown

the autumn split wood  
the cord the spidered  
cord

glowing sage puffed smoke lit  
cleanse what it was  
metal bowl

jack catholic  
no  
nor I ask a public school's  
qualification

the old teacher lent  
a book  
never returned with a smile



the candle  
on the computer  
dript

the defense of a  
qualified liberty qualified  
liberty

the paraded  
the headed monstors the dragon  
firecracking

sentry polaris  
northern  
watchtower

and were I to grow into  
my parents  
with a question  
no

the divisions of leadership  
like plurality  
but for the voted said

the cloud collector  
the courtesy of the hill  
is a blanket

the dream and the  
name  
nor I dream in sound but

seaward  
whitecaps  
mention the name mention the wind

o the time is now  
the dispelled myth which  
once covered a soul  
nor agony for truth

for once dependent on a dictionary  
nor to corrupt language ask  
how is it miscreant is spelled

the moth  
after the outed light  
cooled

in relation to the self  
and what of  
Galileo

one disturbance is not another  
disturbance  
o handled time and again

it was not reading today  
I supposed  
her

the singular ways  
of the imagination  
[collusion]

he was right  
yesterday  
came suddenly

adrift  
and nothing is summoned  
and the clouds are not summoned

the loud grown louder  
the boiling water  
before sunrise

was a faith for the other  
pity  
is no embrace

that is why  
I kept my plaid shorts that is why  
I read on the beach

o autumn come  
gold and red and yellow I know  
I recall  
and still but for a wind

her tenure  
her stained tenure  
social work is another department

listen a lifetime  
but for the minors of spontaneity  
was a larger catalog decided



at first  
and in the morning before I wake  
and during lunch

because smart is no institution  
but what is said  
the declarations of what is said

the comedian has not been funny  
in six months  
I am concerned about her

slow truck on a gravel road  
tires rolling  
shortcut

the literary  
the stalled poet gone  
around the brackets but  
not the sensitive but

the literary  
the shelf  
the marriage

the old typewriter  
on the bookshelf  
the new ribbon readied

north east west south  
news  
planet news

the variable  
changed colors  
just before dawn

spellbound for magic  
the consequence the consequents of  
magic  
how

but for geopolitics  
but for representation  
asking other questions

waking for the sky  
the day  
finding things

timber  
elevations  
treeline

the studio but for the outdoors  
drawn  
pencil

the grievance of middle age  
the slow half  
completed

the recombinant progeny  
of  
love

contrast the day and yesterday no  
I am only sitting and  
make no mention of history

because  
the wives' tale  
she was resting

irreverence is not  
plucking an apple  
from the tree

nor were there irreverence  
but said  
irreverence

the gone clouds  
I was only watching

in the interest  
of conversation  
when one is alone

the scattered the smeared  
indoors  
the bug

the camera  
in the bug's eye  
the dissident



the locusts  
crunch  
underfoot

the writer  
today the naturalist  
gathering

the naturalist  
in the city  
say anthropology

the fortification of principle  
was it the museum  
I believed

was it her youth I met  
twenty three years  
later

and now  
was rain at the carnival  
I am not dissuaded

the alternate reality proved  
the veracity of  
alternate realities

yellow bug  
worn  
threadbare

the incontinence of nature  
the crept grass the undergrowth  
decay

were I to spend a year  
spending years like sleep  
but for you

the afternoon quiet  
and the fire engine

and it was tomorrow  
inwhich change is registered  
cornered

ilk  
ilk of ilks

the minded causality  
the revered causality  
the spent causality

the numbered stars  
the numbered eternities

and when daylight passes  
overhead  
like a trace of memory

woe to be fortunate  
among  
the unfortunate but

the kindled God  
and with something more to say  
like a question

breathless  
the hike to the hilltop  
descent

the antique  
the colored glass the window  
light

the irrational number  
questions  
the anvil

thunderstorm  
first darkness crept the drops  
release release

the disposition of the frog  
is the assignment of  
perspective

the summons  
regular  
summer

utilitarianism  
but she wanted to wear  
white



some exclusions apply

some inclusions apply

the unnamed green gem  
the uncut  
diamonds

the tornado  
whipt  
the cornfield

the speculations of  
an outer faith are  
no science

the cicada  
sucked on a root for seventeen years  
finds love dies

disconcert  
my second favorite  
band

were my schism  
inclusive  
of the original

grown together  
the ivy  
the wall

the aesthetics of reason  
like  
dissuasions like preference

warrants a conclusion  
but  
I was still smiling

the temple  
the temple  
the temple

today is friday the thirteenth  
I am  
not aware of anyone dying today

cold turkey  
the absence of  
smoking

student's tears writer's tears  
a subtled  
difference

the women  
the men

for Peter's sake  
for Peter's presence  
for Peter's suffering

long ago worn away  
there were lives lost  
presently

eat at Joe's  
all day breakfast midnight  
three eggs sausage hashbrowns  
sourdough toast

the candid day  
went  
on and on the spent sun

material culture  
is a hat  
today

an invitation to read  
squares the histories of squares  
what becomes of squares

say what it is you love no  
say what it is you do not love  
and I will say nothing

the symbol  
the rake

one position and its opposite  
held

the bookish vertebrate  
read  
Don Quixote for the second time



the walk to the grocer  
required  
empty arms

the satiation of principle  
is  
successful policy

Confucius is dead  
Darwin is dead  
Whitman is dead

the old typewriter supposed  
the best poem ever  
with a new ribbon

listen the calamity  
it is more functioned  
than calamity

rumor the sky for rain  
I see nothing  
but your pillowed hand a cloud

the bottomless  
for metaphor  
nor upper reach

declare  
the metaphysics of freedom  
are no psychology

on time for  
sunrise  
on time the day met

wearing the blues  
crept  
into peace

and still the brass  
the band  
for concert

the bellowed the prompted soul  
for hibernation  
for the uncontracts of voyeurism

water  
the given water  
refreshing and without confound

the order of the cat  
prowling prowl  
here to there about

the mastered the doctored  
practiced  
righted

the grafted conscience  
is her attention to beauty  
I see

the friends and them  
passages  
passing through and a trail

dinner  
on  
a train

nor I fly  
as a raven  
nor I rest as a raven

the nighted coyote  
returns to sight and  
gone shy

in the absence of philosophy  
said  
the philosopher

in the absence of poetry  
the churchbells the assumption of  
for what is unsaid

nor character measured in  
solitude

the cut tree  
the fallen tree rested a year  
before it was stacked

the spider recorded me  
recording



the hibernated divinity woke  
with nature's cause  
a struggle's easement

the mushroom  
the ant

before sunrise just  
the mushroom

is a bird's way  
a mated bird a paired bird

the left day  
the holiday  
winter sun

winter's approach from summer  
how to grow old  
quickly

homes pocked the desert  
cloudpocked sky  
amorous

the anonymous spells  
a witch and her nature  
on becoming

the likened walk o fantasy  
atween two natures  
is a book

the shaman  
her  
the twilight dress

the redundant  
the force of the moon  
menses

time and again  
the same bloomed flowers  
attached to the same persistence

remark  
it is early  
and it is the birds respond

autumn  
fell like a  
walnut

and the crickets in concert  
chirped until a mate  
or either died as dead

is a slowness to the season  
new  
sweater

the fantastic voyage  
of  
the portable typewriter

the decay the rotted wood treeflesh  
maggots and mushrooms  
is one hundred years is time

soliloquy  
and I have aged and I have said  
poems in several voices

my wife  
has arrested my idea  
of beauty

imagining  
my place among  
the force of futures

licensed freedom  
entitlement  
reference what authority

bottom feeding  
fish  
lips

simulation  
counting clouds when there are no  
clouds  
what travels within

the posture of the question  
is a mile walk  
in sandals



the walnut frame  
held  
Haeckel's bats

the irrational composition  
neglected punctuation  
held my attention

so I mention beauty  
and  
listen

true to form  
having considered  
form

the likeness of two  
ambitions  
is their friendship

a call  
nor thanks  
understood

the decayed structure  
the erosion of  
the symbolic form

the decayed language  
the erosion of  
the symbolic form

the slow new language  
with laughter with tears  
with sex

the rejection of the sexist  
no  
not that sexist

improvisation of the derelict  
slur and incontinence  
narration of experience  
am I not present am I not audient

theatre of antiquities  
boxed possessed  
like history is possessed

the smoke drifted up  
into the rain  
sky

the heresy of  
the stars  
for wondering

thunder thunder rolling  
gentle rain  
the surface of the trees

the willfulness of the clown  
the object lesson and its invert  
representative

said the cloud  
is the wind

said the sun  
is the cloud

said the flower  
is the rain

smouldered sage  
aglow  
wafting

the manored will of interest  
in which  
the family

fragile interest  
the volunteer  
the voluntary

the entered space of questions  
what is your name  
that is all

the riddled and the driven  
the affairs of the riddled  
are a map

the key  
opened the door let out the bats  
the smell of the bats



the miniature stars I am  
miniature and smaller than  
reach

I have come a long way  
making poems  
for a dollar

see  
the sky and its opposite  
held together

the ringing telephone hello  
did you check your calendar  
today is death

oppression  
in the absence of  
middles

the solid dream  
reached  
into air

a little disjointed jumped  
from the clouds to sex  
to big lake

the tipped canoe the sunken canoe  
the sunken tree the slow roll  
laughter

fitted with intelligence  
kept  
like certainty is kept

the lawyered conversation  
the halved sandwich  
split appropriately

day seven sunday sabbath  
church and library and museum  
riverside

the north american monkey  
ate  
Costa Rican bananas

long distance runner  
trail runner  
journeyman

is a poem a narration  
and what littled effort to say  
within a stanza thus

the funerary  
the wet roads darkened sky  
the done summer

the fed refugee  
there were killings kidnappings  
collect yourself

yonder is a home a cottage  
with a cord of wood  
near to the river

the archaeologist and the fish  
separated  
by an epoch

the bluff and  
the river and  
the flood

the kept file for deviance  
burned a hole  
in his soul

neat  
whiskey  
Irish

I left a collection basket  
for the squirrels  
to leave their nuts

the aggregate of time  
is witness  
is becoming

the borne standard  
was chaos  
but potential



sorry poets  
I cannot  
stay up here forever

passing through  
minimum wage  
nepotism

art museum  
aesthetics  
lighting

art museum  
railings cords  
cabinets with glass

art museum  
curiosity  
lost track of time

art museum  
library  
downstairs next to the bathroom

a predator's place  
within an ecosystem  
wolf hawk

the spiraling tragedy  
set  
with humor o

inalienable natural rights  
the opened ale  
naturally claimed

the substance of convention  
first principles  
is a philosopher precedes  
constitution

the pebble  
at the bottom of the ocean  
silt

the spent tissue and  
bones them gone  
time

the organism  
given a name for attention  
the war bug

from the bottom of the ocean  
she waited  
with messages

hear ye bells and the difference of  
bells  
called the same

the unattended the infected  
the sore of  
power

nor the birds at the feeder  
and the gone squirrels just  
the afternoon crickets

autumn's start her effort  
the plausibility of time  
watch the started yellows reds

the wire spanned the wooden poles  
all the way  
hello

introductions  
I am  
I am too

the tumor  
was invited to lunch  
with the host

what can be said of  
fine art  
mention

the stitious and the superstitious  
rested like fantasy  
for holding hands

the unread book  
the unread poem  
the unread mind



long into the way  
of bartered sums and interest  
civil

the swatted minds  
the dabbled minds  
is an environment for formation

bicycle  
wind from behind  
down a hill

surely  
people do not go to school  
to be educated

the candle lit  
as a clock  
as a meditation

sang down the moon (O'Dell)  
returned it  
to where it was

the priest of one or other variety  
sometimes  
it is difficult to tell

the drawn conclusion  
in black ink  
in pencil

the manifest and the clock  
tocks what is  
in your lifetime [address]

the simplified warden  
but an institution  
the alternating arts

hold my hand  
sunset  
for a while

the staples of convention  
the fresh paper the fresh poem  
the fresh podium

the manners of principle  
are no list for  
consent

the freight train  
west to eastbound clack  
this time [received]

a surrendered dreams for  
your  
assumption [question]

had I measured faith  
had I qualified faith  
had I invented faith

the aggressor the bull  
but for the red cape  
tease

pity is a word  
dismissed  
pity is a sound looking the other  
way

the given convention resembling  
authority  
[will]

the candle  
dripped on the floor  
red

carried the burden  
the manuscript  
is no burden

wellness  
a hearted exterior said the publisher  
and marketable

the instrument  
the solid body twang  
twung

stasis  
no more heaven than hell  
disagree



the suffered dog incomplete  
for having been and left  
wandering and hairless

watch  
they creep in like night  
and thinking

the mounted stone carried  
like a book of words  
reference

nor reclamation to time's point  
and say today now  
and say today again

the coffeed primate  
nor more consequent than  
the uncoffeed primate maybe

autumn's approach and the garden  
put away  
for receipt

a glass of milk  
a spot of  
coffee

made relevant poems  
called them  
song

and in her eye  
no  
not that eye

sleepless for wondering  
contempt  
nor mine

the word bled  
on the page  
red ink

the quantified love  
the dimensions of the forest  
the sky a frame

