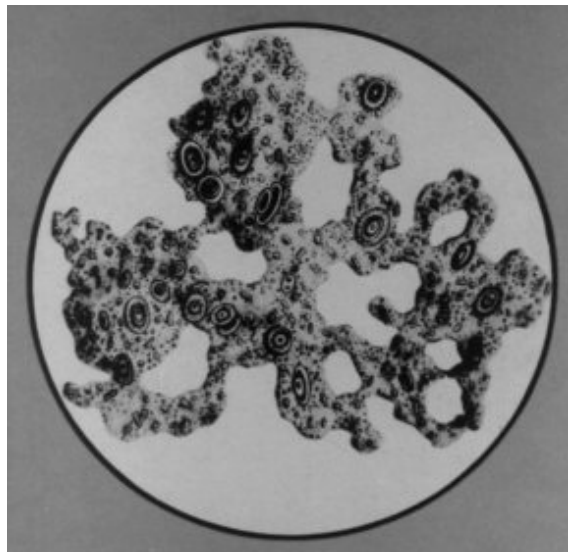


On Bathybius



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time is a funny thing, how there is
a philosophy of dying and thinking
about how we moved here or probably
did, everything is always about that, it's
impossible and will keep happening,
not the whole time but just while i'm
at a party or universal music and truer,
deeper connections, the cultural stuff
of verbal innuendo and sometimes i think
i've made it again, decadent like but even
moreso, it's all liable and they're separated,
it's intentionally bad in the usual, predictable
ways and then there have always been days
when i couldn't have made it like that anyways

[May 3, 2007 @ 10:31 am]

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oh giant pink floyd supernova
of capitalism, i'm waiting!
don't even have to readjust
my chair or my logitech
marble mouse to know
where i'd be waiting, not

without love, science or
intentionality.

no, i'm waiting
for the one radically freaky
scientific thing in my lifetime
like the next new favorite
snack chip flavor of the month
that would reawaken me when
i'm prepping the majestic fields
of poetry after napping when
i should be writing; that is,

i'm saying if it's ok that way
so don't you go tell me different.

[May 10, 2007 @ 4:38 pm]

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1.

i myspaced my body into a tropic
of gorgeous lawns and detached houses
like brilliant beery college students

who sometimes can't help that we all move
to albuquerque for the bricks and blog entries,
would live there in detached houses of onion,
sun shining on hammock or smoky pig.

o presentation of life, must we believe
what any people say in the pursuit of a city
too big to be any one characteristic?

2.

there is unanimity in the merits of pigtown,
flamingo stakes in the heart of outstanding
example, the natty jams and lurks flirt with
moustache pranks of the willy-nilly face

but all nonsexual-like. gemütlichkeit!, and
the transcendental frisbee shimmies in the
sugar shammy and you will shit yourself
a potato the way it sounds real like that.

[May 10, 2007 @ 5:02 pm]

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i am the uninhibited bee that wants to plaster back
all the miniature varnishing into its own humble certainty.

this forgetfulness knows no
noticeable sound or watering.

something dreamed what's happening to me
on the street, none of it representative of itself.

i'm making a mess of my tags
for a good sample of giant sand.

this wouldn't want to be one of the best ones,
as there's nothing left that stands out or hums.

ok, thanks.

[May 10, 2007 @ 5:14 pm]

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fish jelly sonnet for caroline bergvall

fish jelly fuck fish eats human child
fish jelly fucking whole universe wide
floating jelly whole fish fuck belly wide
fat jelly fuck fishing float whole child
jelly subs fucking flesh fat jelly mob
floating jelly whole fish fuck fist fest
fish fuck fat jelly fist brained commie
love jelly whole fish fuck fat mommy
jelly fish mommy fuck eats whole belly
floating mommy folly fuck fish fest bitch
jelly wish list mommy sleeps whole tummy
fish child mommy jelly eats whole commie
floating jelly mommy belly child list wish
jelly fuck fish grating belly child wish

[May 29, 2007 @ 2:22 pm]

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avatar sonnet for doug lang

eyraud, uncle dan, teackle, miss kathleen, traubel, radio voice, hessie, king
priam, pandarus, brass hats, deiphobus, blue boar, nitouche, greek camp,
troilus, aunt bee, walt whitman, queen hecuba, richard roe, kitty foyle

toulemonde, beekman street, maying, vesey street, ferd, woolworth building,
lusted, austin dobson, vougeot, pantry shelf, ballade, green holly, leprechaun,
braver men, ronsard, saint george, illusion director, doctor johnson, scientific
american, bivalves eternity

kilmeny, fine flowers, rosaleen, judas iscariot, leoline, young lochinvar,
runnable, patrick spens, nonny, stilly night, christabel, sweet babe, shalott, say
nay, binnorie, barbara allen, lars porsena, annabel lee, highland mary, mary
morison

krum, brilliant, struma, symmetry, blueness, mars, strangeness, lightning,
nymphs, skull, poem, roses, brilliance, hangs, motionless, julian symons,
dionysian intensities, lacrima christi, paul klee, hart crane

garlanding, moon, charon, sunset, splendours, thunder, thine, eternal, glories,
glow, quietude, fade, loveliness, sleeping, petal, writ expecting

bamba, ghostly light, ashine, wild swans, scrubs, far sea, caloundra, loveliest
thing, gwennie, dark road, shags, blue pool, aflare, mysterious night, unnested,
gwennie shears, elder eli, japan gathered, sydney town, mortality lament

[May 29, 2007 @ 2:57 pm]

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it is towards awareness out—
decadence and finite charm

[June 14, 2007 @ 10:22 am]

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cathartic siphoning overheard
like puffy little candy clouds
and the purring of remedial beer,
intermediate foibles and slippages

of the present like cakes of soap
and the redundancy of micro-
perforated parallelograms. it's
atomic like literature and life,

some hop pellet clover boy
mixed up in the fan stream
that represents something
tremendously gratifying, like

culture called out on the carpet
for the good time kill, like the kind
we eat. in that weird way. without
actually being referential. once

i was trying to think of some examples
but the universe is excruciatingly hard.

[June 18, 2007 @ 3:39 pm]

"Spicerians eat ice cream like everyone else. Sometimes the cone is very far away." -- Ian Keenan

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Bathybius.com is a blog authored by DC poet Ryan Walker, to which these poems were first posted as comments on the day and time indicated. "Bathybius" is Greek for deep life and "was a substance that British evolutionist Thomas Henry Huxley discovered and at the time believed to be a form of primordial matter, a source of all organic life. He later admitted his mistake when it proved to be just a product of a chemical process" (wikipedia.org).

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