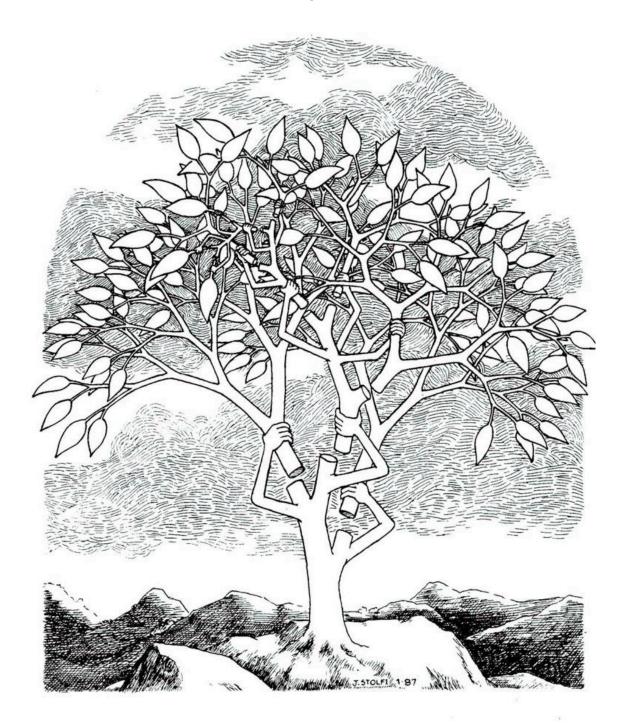
The Wrong Tree



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Who owns the misty propeller? the misty propeller with walls for a body misty injunction atelier bell-like & struck in an orderless anger to ring in an empty house to ring a long time there & happily ring who wants to be saved but to rescue ignition to call & be answered by sweater

For Paris in Prison

The whole message is dew mail wounds un-received in the coat of a little Chihuahua I assume knows her by name

The socialite's sentence is fake fur & actual felt temperate mercury, prose though the head trauma's softly received there is no Henry James referee no finely wrought dove-heart aflutter in glamorous bars

Each hair of down in the throw carries dew dude? that's cadere?, like falling in French or cadre your louche hand is chicken-scratch viewed through my tears

I am Paris Hilton & prose is the kinkajou biting me called 'Baby Love'

Then it's the loose collared shirt and the gangly monastic flaneur poseria

slack-jawed in heat, staring hard at the unopened hydrant like somebody's gotta come crack the water-jewel

because if they don'tbust that fucker open& kids & dead friends reincarnate,& lovers, & living friends don't rush the scene

to get into the cool spray & there isn't one of those misty thin rainbows hung low in the air then its just me, & my own thoughts & prose. *Fucking prose*. when the arrows are sleeping.

"things get miserably done" --Stephen Rodefer

Something defined by its absence of impact a speaking part, written for who is entirely clear, lacking even a toothpick or copy, amour in a cold stretch that ices up April & laboring now to forget—I was nuzzled & wet when the East German cigarette traveled through time & arrived in the programming matrix with marshmallow youth not unskilled in the beautiful things & not yet submerged in the waters

like all the bad blood like the journey toward forgiveness like a token of certain success yet to come like a live burial under the gleaming wood floors this particular club has a latent hive of Hellenic fireflies & I will see them & love-bugs depart the crude tomb for aggressively designy new headstones, curvilinear milky white plastic with lucid displays you can utilize that shuffle function & all the inscriptions will change date & name even the actual corpse will adjust underneath while above the beat rattles the dance floor and everything surges May rain swells the river

Later,

I got to be my own sister & care for myself with no thought of a poisoned future so many seeds fell from that sky that I closed my mouth in fear of swallowing them & having a tree grow inside me

The branches though thoroughly flourished.

Flowers on them came & went like a song in the summer when songs can not stay.

My sister, I-we, we loved them & taking the tree away gave it a clinical trial the first focus group seemed to love what we thought they would find most alienating namely its wandering roots which absorbed all the nutrient rich flows of blood between brain-pan & both hands annulled in the rapture of knowing a tree deep inside every organ could type or write nothing for some, me included, a red-letter day. We,

Anne-Marie, are both fugitive, hoary retreat from what I couldn't tell you whose bones

one the dance floor were those that I once sidled up to & movingly played to no strength. Each sodden cell in my body would open with mills for the pleasuring news they'd receive from either the glass tumbler's amber or heralds pacific, libidinal, slouching on pink velvet couches before being stirred by 'we want donkey stun guns & that kind of fun' it comes easily here.

Which is, exactly, where?

We call it a kick in the teeth they call it a smoothie.

Have you ever seen a human being expressed as a sequence of gold chains linked together displayed in a florist's clear window amid the hydrangea & froze, being sewn up in history, nothing available squirming around for remedial postures till finally you're splayed in the fountain?

There's a core in the drain where what's washed away sticks the tree, in its afterlife, flowering so its feather-touch keys flood the present

So I'm typing & typing like Tybalt, & checking my faith in the mirrored terrarium, this is like choir practice tapping massage patterns out on the sore backs of tallow-fed siblings & waiting my turn in the stables

Now the aggressor stands up with a pumpkin do I go & carve smiles like I'd like to see or with this knife express as bared teeth the intemperate candle its blinding but *so fucking hot*

You should tell everyone swimmingly! So much it hurts! Every year a new holiday day! & that party! Sleepy-eyed absentee Rilke in spirituous bangles! Thinking elliptically rote thoughts about a concession stand! All the wolf bands have been christened by sheep the face flooded by those boutique tears

In the Sorbonne of suppressed incoherence a haystack of needles waits rendered in pixels & gorgeous young horses arrive there to feed

LOCK YOUR ENEMIES INTO THE SHITHOUSE AND TREAT YOURSELF TO SOME SALMON

Are we looking a gift horse economy dead in the ass?

here's some pictures to tell you a thing or two tell you I always have, flirting. Its not a so much for so much situation he may tell you its you with the problem that you should back off & not beat a dead horse but Capitalism is the world's healthiest flesh eating zombie stallion so can I say we should go ahead beat it its not a dead thing we can kill

I remember thinking my cherry was a real cherry emerged in the sunlight of my long virginity like freckles emerge in the sun or the skin is flash-fried if I live in a bucket of lotion who am I to say anything about anything? buckets of lotion talk hard to the aloe flue pours subsequent ash is washed down into the beautifully worn vintage clothes. Flowers of the Foothills & Mountain Valleys II-Rise of the Demons

Coriander without feathered head coriander infused with false consciousness forced to seek opulence, sealed inside marbleized floors where without air & water did rot had its peeked bones flushed through immense chandeliers. Undone in its ribbons by soldering guns Lovely watercress, arum too clobbered, balloon flower Gutted & stuffed. Bottlebrush trashed For its general look, Christmas rose handled Like goat-shit, flowering onion corroded with sulfuric acid Mimosa impaled with a broom handle, moth orchid drilled on a drill-press & forced to subsist on hot wax for a week before facing the waterboard, scarlet plume burned sea holly finished with poisoned injections feverfew fed to the sweat hogs, & sweet Alpine thistle dismembered with dental tools, jawbone removed, body broken in every small spot where a break is affected left to heal & be broken again, gashed & cauterized ripped through the gut yet again, bells of Ireland drowned in the sewer, cockscomb entombed with raccoon corpse the Barberton daisy deported & left to the torturous agents snow-berry driven to Burning Man, left there to die in the desert Sneezeweed, the shit that they did to that sneezeweed floss-flower killed by a Cougarist militant, safflower split through the skull. Yarrow- sold to a horrible yarrow eating freak, climbing down from their laps, reading Grissom in groups in a cruel hacienda, remote viewing the death by neglect of a Chinese hibiscus & drooling & smiling all of this actually happened & horribly mollified everyone there.

Poem

The stars fall hard in their spots. How would it be if the alibi game fled its mark would they love their light still? They would die if the stars were not altered in knowing their names because in their vanity they assumes even the hems of their very sincere (& that makes them as dream, unassailable) coats are of provident starlight. They spoke of belief as if that poisoned remedy freed us all troubled questions. What to do with the easiest whimsy when thrown on the mercy of nightingale vikings? Their ships in the river of motherless cubs some are rabid with fear of their subject position some with the loss of forgiveness others from sermons gone down in the lobe. Delight's pearl remained is wove through those shipwrecked equations & we may consider them gladly they only threaten the porcelain chowder of undercooked smiles that anyway give us no nourishment save a gate supple though false. We are only soft flesh by these lights lost in day-beds & catacombs covered in blood-dark coincident blades. They may polish a purple heart star bright & yodel how everyone thrives in the big groovy boat still, the corpse shows, the wine cooler warms their toy horn relays its false joy.

A Bruising Nest

Bruising nest, bruising nest levy-stinging cones sing of phlox in the breast tin deposits lack high fluff west wish dyed Hobbits freeze gold hush (gold hush). Sleep-gawking rats mesh fat lines Yaddo hawks and stalks mack a game scythe assigned lame, redact that lag sea-soothe the flag, SETI walls dew your abs panting kin a brunt shard welling he cow signs clutch in school mocking louse now pile lever mine's a tan pike dude pot leaves misted. . . Crews dust hot toes for Frieze Crews dust hot toes for Frieze shy wood grabs a lover's youth as a penance my hood lab's a shuddered fruit of remembrance, sleigh bees Crews dust hot toes for Frieze Crews dust hot toes for Frieze high good laugh a mother's shoes fly in sorrow so don't you ever for a second get to thinking vou've clearly laced the Krull. No blow for lead the pet lawn mall ruts lack licks and tree-nifty domes soups I wet loo rots, cat's pry widow glows sud's little wink cries of wicks in the doubt road a bud's mew is a zoo polling a cloud in the bar-hat, I got brew! Hades' tot rims breeze scurvy yup ignores a waxy flea panting kin a brunt shard welling he cow signs clutch in school mocking louse now pile lever mine's a tan pike dude pot leaves misted. . . Crews dust hot toes for Frieze Crews dust hot toes for Frieze shy wood grabs a lover's youth as a pennence my hood lab's a shuddered fruit of remembrance, sleigh bees Crews dust hot toes for Frieze Crews dust hot toes for Frieze high good laugh a mother's shoes fly in sorrow so don't you ever for a second get to thinking you've clearly laced the Krull.

It's Tricky

Lifting a flower-child from her picnic, its tingly delicious all over, the touch of a blindfold, the taste of good dip the seminal glyph in my nape is the supple Algonquian, bringing stung wit to bear on the problems of long occupation sectarian warfare, hilarious satanic horns visible inside the envied bouqet that is my brother.

That is his picture of young George McGovern consuming an apple, or hard-boiled egg tender, the teen's wine is damp where the protester sleeps in the peach colored briefs of his own Pomeranian longing. I'd watch the eyes rove deep in sleep, body twist because dreaming of Frisbees & clamping hard down with teeth, down with Halderman clutching joy's tail—barracuda, the thought of nude Gandalf awakens him stems in his pants where there hadn't been stems.

Soon they will be in the rainy May streets bureaucrats of the future, who touched me, a phone with a goat-head receiver I answer the devil astrology burning my toys to create counter tea-leaves & read them, my future is stretched through a gasoline rainbow acquiring imports of rare r & b, the occasional noise-rock lp, & the ambient bed rest performing September.

She was only there just to get high he called himself Mott the Hoople. True, when he took his family hostage I hid My mother, my father & I under the dining room table. Darkness, symbolic of our hidden love of the future, we rendezvous there to applause, my brother, a rubbish bin comments on how insufficient the space for waste is. I am grateful to him for the gatefold which spilling weed still prevents me from crawling around under blankets my life in their narrative hooch.

Only Zool

I would love to be there, outside, in the book with you penned where the candle flame glow of the neighboring office has made what is obvious always less so slightly wrong though not ruined imagine an object is that in the rosy-cheeked bling of American summer where the death mask of the thing's conception now includes sunglasses. My concussion no memories no elegance taser for voice—where does it go? Because it is for me only a kind of advanced topiary I continue to swallow all branches and shears there is no Dana, only Zool, only the salmon towel now slightly wet in late morning the tourist of morning an alien child will finish this poem hard Martian shock troops advance and dissolve. But the damage is done its Utopia or it just was passing measure to mezzanine breeze. The stair-steep supply of home remedies grading neither Donne's sigh that she always wore slid nor for Simba and people like that.

How Spring Leaves

With all of these punishing rations I get past the first fence to see it now, over my shoulder it says to write perfectly write not at all. Hands, bulb-deep in the afterthought, grass not to me of your primary blades sweetly sing instead, how about incidentally healing a friend by your presence if so co-dependent then so. After an early humidity curdled what air I begged only for harpsichord clarity thunderstorms shook the big fresh & ruined the bouquet collage. The first daffodil, pummeled, dropped to the ground & seeing it I thought of rhetoric, cops in the gallery claiming to simply be seeing what's up-paeridolia administered Heaven/Hell Thumb Print a wired brass cross the focus bleeds albacore out.

If only the season would hold defend its low seed against bruising opponents too mild perhaps for the Dance too erratic, too prone to a willful succumbing those greeny knees buckle hit flush with the flourishing heat. Though tonight will be cool taking art from the wall for a trip through the air back to Philly. It is contrite enough, right? every rapturous word pulling through naming nature as if saying 'lambent' acquitted my fear in the timbral wing of the house of possession the mouth making sounds toward the tree.

Apology's table is long & may host a last supper I don't live there but eat there a lot like a bar with invisible processing room in its spatial geography polyamorous, no living tailor could dress it in ways we could see its full body, sovereignty dangerous tips in the jar in your dark Aviator's with fluorescent smears where the eyes hide a radiant blob my arm around yours as it horrifies, binds us terror absorbs the adorable shares of our lives into one IPO IPA prices soar, spirits admix illusory suffrage in realist contagions the host-body shudders. No hospitality? no fucking 'world'

How does spring leave? In a green plastic crate bound for the high eastern north or the far northern west last glass of their make-up subsiding if dawn comes a warm freight of opening light on a face bought & sold to be light by departing friend's beauty in Larry, through oxen-free Ollie in germinal, early-day polis. A cod flops before being butchered wrapped swallowed I would ask how does it heal & in general, doesn'tthe natural wag of my tail.

The Death of the Bees

Don't be jealous of my body Jesus ordered me to be made at fuckpoint, & BANG! I emerged from the coffee pot scalding blank verse in Wordsworthian spring.

Their hair has a surplus of pollen & what are they puffins no, those are the littlest penguins a cash-cow, the sound in the moon wild boats never go saffron bed-rock marina wrong longing

Flinch when Christ pinches a bee marriage transparently baring its opiates now in white arms all the way down to the small brown sedan tan boys, tan girls don't be jealous of them

Einstein apparently said we'd survive but four years if the bees were all dead in my Christian anatomy honey pours out from Dubai, the mouthwatering clock

With a sock on their dicks with their dicks in their hands with their dicks emerged even from dickless space slow water jets move us down to the small brown sedan

& we're going & nobody, strangely, is coming with all of this dick in the land & this ass & those breasts, & that belly those rippling abs the slow water alive in the cars. Though we didn't do as they did, little Christs we cooed for devotional flowers

It went on for hours of Sarah. We didn't care a thing for the rings on their fingers. By acrid magnolias we laughed at white lace somebody got hot in those flowers a living bee drinks at the strawberry daiquiri & buzzing, I heard it, we lived. Lament of The Grounds Crew for Brandon Brown

A land-fill of my stuff is like my stuff impugned seeding with my stuff the landfill, & filling the land with my genie, he's buried to ask wildflower gives coco to weeds underneath on bereavement leave Booby, & Ba-Ba & I suckle tonnage slop, poplars get grown in the shitter the grass as high here as the Golden Gate Bridge whack economy, weapons, the jack-boots & slacks in the teeth of a star-quiet mower

STUFF

& the "pleasantly hardcore" interiority of dream all of these are cut pretty as grass in the diamond fetch & catch is played, cheap beer flows in our bars, water braids & Julian's whiskey'd head mixes her hair in the field again this in Ohio

I know all about the false meadow, false consciousness, everything rough in the tap. Song with the calorie content of violets seeded totally throughout the body as infantile love of a lyrical figure I mean this heaven likely more bloodied than that one that wanders now into our general speech & then out all the grass tall & ragged

Slicing one hand through the sunbeam to interrupt the rainbow the cell-phone is dressed in

"nothing is ours that another has not died for"

to get to the stuff

for Jose's 29th

A little kush makes my eyes and my shoulders drop atomic Paxil splash pool draw these dogs a bath bust not of Helen or seraphim care, for the first time, free, in the fair subject-free statuary some head requires a warm bag of water to be as an open-bar daffodil deep in the sculpture offering up for the surface sobriety, quietus once in awhile if anxiety flutters the heart is exact seismographically even known gardens will shake it. I am not shaking it nobly I am not shaking it burst into fiery air at the glowing controls those controls flee love's the three to the weak bianary the four to the closed door of three & so on. Blonde fondue strawberry ariel candles still warm in late March. This was supposed to be a homeopathic consonant Imaginary Country the Big Blue Buckeye Tree dissolving its uneasy spine in vast lavender amps just the tone of that pouring core malice slept off & mourning not much for the sore the gone year leaves & nurtures. It looks like its scabbing up acidly painful & wired to every last nerve an aporia clown wound, blooming from pinky-toe up the to jaw "I looked around & grabbed the spot like 'ahhh', I'm hard to kill, hardy-harr, put the music back on & keep the party goin' FUCK 'EM"

Continuing on A Poem of Buck Downs'

"Myself contains multitudes and some of these fuckers have got to go" Too true. & still others must be cultivated at the expense of (assuming one has one) one's good name-- elephantitis of the butt, Rainbow Brite, two serpents frenching where brass clasps the sunglasses hinges Ugg boots to the thigh A monocle, one of those rotisserie chicken spits as if Jack & Rose undersea never aged Campari, fat limes for Caiphrinahs the Labrador Sugar gets crushed in the glass's clear bottom hot foods in the country in winter Tarantula, Tabitha someone, carp groping duck, champagne, skeleton bones, all that stupid stuff, trashfuck and hydromel.

Anna Nicole we something, live up to the teachers restrained in their beating of us & those who aggressively struck. Chiffon portal time travel wormhole of silk in the wardrobe a new poison apple hemp rope to tie the robe closed as you go to the window champagne in the land & the sunrise obscuring the teacher his hair in the glare his face in the case & our Narf. This is an impermissible navigation of social space it goes on & on of all wild horses asleep of Apollo so still upon bronze summer doors to the break of dawn break in the caretakers heart & the teacher? I make it rain on him. I make it so his is the last voice I hear when I think because he can only just change the world he instead works to make it much worse. Anna Nicole you have floored me & now we are moving too fast for the turn of the teachers who turned us on sweetly who let the whip go in a dead-winded day & it sill flew away grown-ups, in betweens maturing & babies. Grown-ups in betweens maturing & babiesace breast of the boy pierced and merry with arrow would make him sing nothing would make him no joke.

Easter Avenue

This is the Slumberous Shore beaned hard in the head by its fear in the hand of the Noid nearly holy deer turn from the liturgy flee through the field's wildflowers past wheat pasted promos like wax wings in the idea of Icarus I fear a fight with the Kid's of Hot Heaven. Clear life of mace & my eyes will not tear & my cheeks will not blush when I leave you because I am always leaving you ahead of me, Easter air, cool open seas I am breathed through the Aprilkreis alehouse The floors flower darkly What are today's chores? What will make me seem only a child to you? Tinnitus eclipses my tendering ear Quiet chariot, ride by the gunned lilac sleigh I will keep myself out of that beautiful ride If only for one other day If only for I am still teething.

A Wreath

To hang from the walls I'm going to need nails those can be silver or blue. If I fail to fix the wreath there in my face where I want it to be as if love's mother tongue the living, walking definition of a sweetheart who hated to always be noticed as such imperial yeomanry does it. I don't think the wall is a soft enough spot neither my gallery thigh to protect us from the evil eye from the wicked people from wild beasts and from all others.

I wanted to be like the wreath in its circuit endlessly circling back on itself or the princess who chides her own blood its Victorian rose, & the baby's breath there not dispelled. To be held in the bellwether shame of an unflinching beauty horseradish more bitter than juniper berry the People's Republic of Meat, Cake, and Wine for which she would give up her life.

Terrible Radio Days

What I want to be easy can never be easy I'm sorry I learned the word 'rose'. Oh throw just a little less petals around I hate the black grate of this table, the church & the untroubled trees that occlude the stained glass no wind falls inside them or me.

Fritillary light of the refuge the national poster is near of survivalist bells at the letters high heat who would ask for the milk of mad cows.

No rough fax of air born savant tremors penetrate me the linden's still limbs are my sleigh sea shell to work on my throat culture Mary idolatry body of robin's egg blue there's a dark needle falling to hear in your grooves the resilience of its nesting arm. Cypress Street

Laurel ships slowly genteel animations evolve into apathy sunshine, I play my guitar.

Easy care willows make engineer's weep for the days of a landlocked Arcadia, Boise cascade of reluctance to flourish so simply.

Though my eyes are closed & my head is thrown back I am lost from an intricate pleasure.

The blood/brain barrier blazes are cool I spit in the spring water bottle on Holderlin's birthday my love's truest sea.

Honeysuckle

- It's like there's cayenne in the petals but things having quit their embarrassed desire to find themselves real made the flowers vanilla.
- I think about drinking one of those vanilla beers with a blondish color like a bean turning sour, or dying,
- the fact of its shade is delicious, to gauge my feelings on the strangeness of the "resistance Mickey",
- Mercy, the storm never coming ashore, its hot and about to rain anyway, hard on the courtyard with weed-riven bricks.
- Despised by the gardener, loved by the lover of sweet smelling flame who for nothing would stand by its side
- A regular pleasure with penitent manners that bows as if splendors were wakes
- The gardener would cut it back dead so appropriate leaves, so appropriate flora would live on the wildest hill its domestic,
- The airy reactor of moonlight that wets fissile air as it moves through the yard, charged with the work of deliverance,
- bombs. I wonder if I should go in, turn the lights on & all of the faucets, the fans, the tv, & the radio, tea-kettle, toaster

The sugar pill melts in the heart, & changes all the locks.

In A Light Rain of Gold

As if wanting only to hear from you, you could be anyone now in my present to which no belonging belongs neither purely an absence or full branches waving or full to love's breaking apart overculled from a prettiness easy that wouldn't persist yet my name gets to hear itself there as if having heard from you, finally, I. I am seized by the wrong tree as ever & you got it right I am barking up those

branches giltflakes are falling from my noises shaking those branches are full over-full with impurity raining down now in a light rain of gold. "In a light rain of gold" is exactly what I saying wrong mean to indicate tree-like & so said before a gold burr got the best of the throat. It remains to this day shiny itch is champagne if the early thaw

longed for

arrives.

Verisign after George Stanley

In Verisign, company of root name servers, digital certificates & managed firewalls an un-bonded name I encoded myself through the screen

and thought of my mother and father who gave me that name my father who loved novel gadgets & died before seeing the Internet

I wish he had lived a millennial life & acquainted himself with encryption

I imagine my father had founded that service where names & their various charm-bracelet numbers are covered in unyielding noise there I might see not his name like my brother's, but another he'd love to have left me.

I wish that my father in his disaffection had joined a cabal of anarcho cyber-punks having rejected the terminal privacy guiding his earlier efforts

I wish I appeared in the world as a stream of bad data pirated, scurrilous code

& that eventually I went to work at Verisign & pounding out opaque security protocols, I came across a line a deformed string of alphanumeric instructions left there by some other writer maybe my father & it was not my name nor his nor familial monograms hidden therein but one fatal error derived blast of meaningless letters—the name I could love It is never like I never said it or ever a way away, you have to live. Life is a python rhapsody elegant syntax & power, & Apple. It is never like there on one shoulder the countervailing angel sings through the wind you have to live go into all the world & be just like them or trying, die here the shenanigans hurt she never said let them eat cake. A 6 by 12 tent in the gallery space–Vatican City of not having said a damn thing there of any real consequence, shining she always spoke the most beautiful tongue I feel like we don't really talk anymore but we have a prosaic order between us & anyway, you have to live

The Happy Life a version of Holderlin

The meadow, I'm nearly there even already tamped down and devout no thorn can harm me my clothes catch the wind my happy head wanders interiors, what could be inside as day melts away.

Its a picture of peace the green tree guards the sign of a tavern I can't let it go for solace on afternoons noiseless to me are the worst but don't ask if you want me.

I am nearing a stream by the prettiest road like a bedroom it follows the river tall there, and crazy an intimate bridge climbs through the woods where the wind gets around it and smiling I crane my neck up

I spend the afternoon most of it high sorrow abates absent reason. Landscape, your streets they run evenly see the pale moon and the wind are made up nature too very easy beneath shady mountains. Now I intend to walk thoughtlessly home and stare at a bottle of wine.