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*an heirship in waves*



*utter*

it is always the same coastline –  
with its unsteady  
grayed forecast – coastline  
carried and kept  
changeless as the  
sea is forward and  
same – thus  
descending as the  
sea must seemingly descend  
as in its coastal carriage –  
each wave wearily catching and  
crashing into the next –  
a hatching – a harmony or honing  
(if you will) of this we this coast  
this I – long abandoned – a nest  
or home ever as even as it is just –  
only ever built in anticipation of  
its eventual unraveling of each  
moment in its remaking – a simple moment

a cunning moment    thus defined  
as the road is steep    this road is blind  
and never ending of    sea same  
sea    sane        sea    erratic

see her home as heedful, or,-  
toward her intention of desire  
or,- as an inevitable creational  
turning which comes when  
straw and feather when hair  
leaves bits of dirt-moss and  
plastic intertwine toward her  
state of/or here : matted dry  
(and so haphazard) together :  
this she she never knew or was  
but founded anew – toward the  
page (the sea-lit heart ) rises  
receding and so forward slowly  
ever-still as language must and  
so forth

what is ever yet at hand,- ever yet held – and thus unevenly promenading, say the sea, say another precious element say gray in its many varied casts as the sea was only ever untoward her and unyielding as long seemingly broken – a preternatural piece-work of every moment nearly shattered and abandoned – and every other quickly slapped back together – only to be withdrawn again,- or simply left in its relentless lapsing always left for the past for the future of – the present pretty and that which surrounded it – again,-

summoned like prayer in a desperate  
hour – the sea was true and there –  
alone – enveloping and about all  
pain in the hours before she came – in  
its steady bent beat and refrain – with  
urgency – so toward– so untold – not  
which came but that which came as  
now as real and new – what hard fast  
natural marks did each breath  
touch – as so to push or breathe in  
the way it should – each previous breath  
– intense and over-lapping – stalking its  
new predecessor – endless hours – an  
entire day – what was once unwanted  
so wavering was now so – this new I,  
small hero.

an infantine picture – made actual – in  
its clarification of what simply is, - and  
so already cast preordained before it  
could be painted or designed – such  
as a postcard life might be – notes and  
marginalia as scrawled hedge work  
of tomorrow – knew – what so ripe  
forthcoming – what consumes – what  
still was I and I of self and I ever self-  
same dull referencing point now became  
new as every previous solipsism  
curtsied again and again toward its  
impending erasure, *a d i e u* –

*a d i e u* –

f a r e w e l l –  
said this new stranger – as she rewrote  
all others (alongside each previous  
self) in her perfect silence in which she  
came alongside the others – their small  
cries (of birds) – really like the cry  
of birds and stark morning light – she  
bade them goodbye– only then could  
I understand this (her) new need to  
come negating any previous query – as  
to why – when she first uttered,-

*'eb*

*eb*

*eb' –*

'eh eh eh' – tiny bird – provok-  
ing – *rara avis* – established the need  
to memorize this moment – her face  
– presented itself like no other – not to  
– but through – me – weary exigencies  
– like no other in the first hours,- and  
the sea so still then when we were on  
but the edge of earth but there as still it  
might have been quite present and true  
in its presiding – among far distant  
cool gray blue waves lapping so blue-  
gray slate and undaunted,- this absent  
coast of my birth – so so – as though  
it were dared by she who was now so  
close so real and perfectly bundled her  
package and design which could have  
never been pre-thought or imagined  
– 'eh eh eh' and now nestled under  
bird-light – latched  
under -wing –

perhaps there is only gray in what we  
must name experience – in what we  
site as meaning or wayward curiology –  
yet before this time I only saw black  
as black or white as white though  
gray might certainly and often overtake  
me – much more often was caught on  
the edge of what is so easily nicked  
– never felt or desired as it should  
been (as what I see now) this possibil-  
ity of self this I (I suppose) seems more  
central more relevant as it does more  
searchingly loyal and narrow in its  
slant toward the creeping light – the  
shadows after – and all new exploration  
– every previous draft – mere lapsed  
feathery happenstance

as what first  
seemed  
so clear  
so raw  
as what  
had always  
took me by the pants  
to this present place of occupation  
(waxed seeming surprise)  
a place to which I  
must now hold as keeper –  
to think, to never know  
e v e n, (yes,- even) seems  
ludicrous – as to  
not know  
dawn –  
ever– to  
write it here  
as – but what  
before it was  
so breathtakingly

clear – so stunning and  
seductive

of what is moderate and middling  
was and why I had never found  
further meaning as I had never known  
that which could be more than specula-  
tion as what is more spectacular than  
I had ever hoped or known by the very  
moment in its occurrence  
in its reassurance and – the sea – the  
sea still – the sea sane – in its dis-  
crete and volatile way – is always the  
sea – no matter – how long or far I  
must depart from it – it is always there  
and present – but something which  
only she could access and reify

which held itself still for so many  
years – once before me – as wayward  
and taunting – this reflection of others  
– and still, so new so yet unturned  
– in way of her arrival as truth so  
traced this new beginning her  
voice resonating as the bells of each  
hour might – new language hang-  
ing upon the edge of the air in their  
own way – say presence say now  
say yet say tomorrow





*herso, -*

*an heirship in waves*



once dreamt: a field

wherewithall *berso* isolate

waldheim

she *apparentless* *starts*

wie so once spent

heimweh

wood abandon

*her s o n i s s h i p s*

she fastidious

openthroated

heirship sherepeat

*leaf open*

repents

starsick

she waves

half-averse

dame bequested

starling latchkey

moss entangled

burgeon shooted

dame steady ruby

throated proliferant

waves she

begotten

only half-imagined  
    ontologic  
quarter-noted side-steps

(steeped half-breaths)

*berso* stutterances

one one one

half uttered changeling

half hesitant fee  
    child

alone in the world heradling

one one one  
(on repeat)

one one one  
(shesalters remembrance)

one one one  
only in (*in*heritance)

one one one  
(shestar, she starling, she haltingly so)

one one one  
(small *hero* gathering)

one one one  
(herso repeat, look up)

(Her)Unisons*HersUnisons*

SUNRushNosierShushShushSirensSirenSunriseShonSunrisethine  
SunriseHonesInuresInsuresHonsSinesOnrushSinsHornsNonusers*His-*  
Neurons*Hiss*NonusersHissNosesInrush*Eh*InnsOurs*Eh*IronsSuns*Eh*Ros-  
inSunsEhRosinsNusEhRosinsSun*Eh*RuinsSons*Eh*SirsNounsHeInns-  
SoursHeIronsSunsHeRosinSuns*Eh*

HeRosinsSun

He*RuinsSons*

HeNounsHieSUrns

HeSirsNouns

Shiner*NosUs*

ShinerSonUs

ShinerNUSoS

ShinerSunSo

*Shiner*UN*Sos*

ShrineNosUs

Shrine*SonUs*

*Shrine*NusSo

*Shrine*SunSo

*Shrine* Nu Sos

Shrines*OnUs*

Shrines*NoUs*

ShrinesShinerOUR*hrs*

## *Shores*

Shores Shores I shores in Shores Shores I shores  
in Shores Inn Shores Is Shores Shores I shores in  
Shores Inn Shores Is Shores Shores I shores in  
Shores Inn Shores Is Shores Shores I shores in  
Shores Inn Shores Is Shores Inn Shores Is Shores  
Shores I shores in Shores Inn Shores Is Shore in  
Horses I Horses I Horses In Sun Horses Inn Us  
Horses Sin Horses Ins Hearses Her Seas Horses Is  
Hers is Herso is Shore

*Sunshines Or,-*

An Inshore Farm  
Our Heroine's Suns  
And so.

Her Her Her.

Her(o)ine.

Das  
inn inn

in a Swift,

sharp, polyvocalic  
*she she* in sweeps.

by sea on...

by the sea on...  
nested sea on.  
nets her sea on...  
nests the sea on...  
by sea on...

nested sea on...  
nets her sea on...  
by the sea on...  
by the sea on...

nested sea on.  
nets her sea on...  
nests the sea on...  
nested sea on.  
nets her sea on...



# heirships

## RoteryOrphanagesRehearsing

Rationalises Rehearings Respass Telegraphs Horse-  
ness Sheathings Plastering Sharpies Serigraphs Thrash Ceil-  
ings Perkinness Odd Tailorings Transships Rehearsals Rephras-  
ing Repression Airinesses Interlopes Shoestring Earthiness-  
Prioressees Retrogress Parentages Transpires Politeness Horse-  
hairs Respirator Asperities Polarities Heathenish Hostelries-  
Peregrines Senilities

## shorelines Garnish Sparseness

Senatorial  
Plagiaries Garnishees Reparation Aspirators Grisliness  
Holinesses Salinities Easterlies Inhalators Regression Easi-  
nesses Greasiness Apostasies Hilarities Ripenesses Person-  
ages Parsonage Restainers

## Plagiarist Heartiness in Portlines

\*OR-

**ROSY SLING-SHOT  
OPTIMISM**

Wager Echo Threading Dives Spirited Banshee Pressures Pre-  
serving Atonomous Earbleeding Visionary Desolation  
Interloper Generators Registries Aerialists Sparsities Long-  
winded Apologists

## Persisting Histrionic Gory Lightships

Pleasant Transpolar Sheslines Prehensile Perihelion  
Transgress Porringers Hostessing Separation Represents Pre-  
senteres Realnesses Spiritless Assertions Psalteries Repeat-  
ings Inheritors Praetorian Repressing Resistless Prosthesis-  
Prostheses Springiest Priestlier Latenesses Raptnesses Hol-  
stering Glossiness Lethargies Antisepses Giantesses Resharp-

ensGlossariesSleepinessProgressesReserpinesPreheating-  
SorenessAstonishesPeritonealPrissinessHorsetailsSports-  
nessShelteringHailstonesHeptagonalReptiliansTeargas-  
sesSerenitiesAeroplanesGlassinessPrioritiesHasheeshes

TrespassesSingletreePassionate Relegation  
EasternersArtinessesHarlotriesEssentialsSightseersPhi-  
listineEnterpriseSlitheringPaltrinessHighnessesRearrang-  
esSolitairesReportagesNasalitiesGeneralistPlasterersReple-  
tionsSongstressAnesthesiaNostalgiasPassengersSlatherin-  
gRotisserieSeparatorsAspiratingOrangeriesPossessingPre-  
sortingPhantasiesRegistrarsRepertoireTelephonerPatness-  
esTransposesPreseasonsPatronagesSplashiestRashnessesIr-  
rationalParathionsOilinessesPhalangersEsophagealPolitess-  
esRoisteringSolitairesHairspring

Antiheroes TelephonesSeawardSeparatingInterpos-  
esAspersionsLithographOriginatesLightenersSerrations-  
StranglersAspirationGarishnessSergeants'PasselingRe-  
orientsRehearingReenlistsSheernessTeargasesRelegate-  
sAerialistLargessesLightshipPathogensOriginalsThrash-  
ingShapelierSlingshotStraplessAtrophiesRepressesGreat-  
nessStranglerGrisliestStrangersTopiariesThreshersGather-  
ersStrainersResonatesReassertsSeparatorHonestiesPerson-  
alsResistersReligionsPheasantsParsonageGasolinessSlang-  
iestShoetreesHistorianicAphorisms

Tails핀Faltering LengthierTranspirePortier-  
esThreshingGarrotersReinbertsGelatinessSharpenerTrans-  
shipHorsehairRepletionHerniatesParentageAssignorsRe-  
portageHairlinesPlastererReheatingProgeniesAssertion  
RehearsesPlethorasRelationsPeriheliaSheetingsTarragonsIn-  
gressesOrganistsGrassiestSartorialNostalgiaAlienatesStress-  
ingHastinessElongatesParathionReprisalsGhastlierSteerag-  
esIsinglassSheathingAnophelesIntagliosIratenessEastern-  
erStringersPreseasonHosieriesRightnessRegathersPointlessLighten-  
erSplintersIrrigatesPeignoirsRoastingsInterposeRealitiesHalitosisSea-

planesInteriorsHeptagonsSignpostsMuchTooLatentMissives

## Starlings

AirplanesLigationsEstrogensRegistrarEs-  
TrangesLeprosiesLingerersResponsesEssentialFernaries-  
EspressosRationaleThespiansRespiringPorringerStalenes-  
sSightlessSeigniorsSeashoresHeightensPaginatesPerson-  
ageHeliportsReportersSprintersPrisniestSheeniestShape-  
lessShirringsSpringiersShanghaisPatronessResilientSignal-  
ersGhostlierReentriesEpithelialTrianglesAlertnessReshap-  
ingGrapeshotHeroes

## Sirens

AntherLinageEgretsAstersEstersPiersPortsNests  
StropHealsTenorPoetsLoiterersArsonistsPrisonersParti-  
sansPalatinesOrientalsHostelersNihilists SeahorsesAssign-  
ersReasonableListeners



harbinger lithewind, we  
dross, histrionic, unrepentant, still

