



going going

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today is friday      two deer  
ibis by the dozen      human  
incongruity infallibly pressing      in flight  
pink beaks      curved beaks      florid  
orange-blossom beaks      clattering water unleashed  
streaks and sheets fog visibility  
into not seeing singly backwards

today human incongruity.      florid      orange-blossom streaks singly  
acquiring the necessary change by necessary means.  
meaning coins.      gasoline      being ignored by buses .  
and continents      children begging      doorways gape      consume  
corrode      meticulous silver stencil proclaims      fuck you



incongruity      necessary being      continents corrode  
sunday spring-skipping weather and voting  
occurred      winter light rubberbands or  
slingshots or aerosol versions      "u.s.  
out!" and out we go  
the farther in fact the  
more the tether stretching snapping

continents and rubberbands . slingshots and farther tether  
tenderly in the absence of small denominations  
the subway is free the train's out-glass-crystal  
fixtures set in textured eroded wood fractured  
or worked. pressed into motion. labored hesitation

tether tenderly train's textured motion  
the immigrant boat monikered "help  
yourself" the missing hand meaningless:  
beside the dust-tendered mausoleum of  
the man given the presidency  
post-extinction as if to tether  
us to our not-tender forgetting



atoms zinging chirpy swift unspeakable  
in the passage between have  
not and will        trees sent  
to the mill        the path  
this river saws between blade-like  
sides makes a pattern we  
call river in the passage

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unspeakable      the will to blade-like pattern      call  
more clearly      be light      as a ray  
of light is light      or electricity hung  
pilfered untimid precarious phonemes      information zinging forth  
patterns of particularity as light      unspeakable      spoken

blade-like      light electricity phonemes particularity  
small      smooth      round      etched with  
city brick water-rubbed into buttery  
ochre      glass tides turn transparent  
as glass      sweet red flare  
tender inside ruby grapefruit      promise  
nestled      pocked      held not kept

phonemes etched into glass      glass promise nestled  
air plants grow from nothing into something  
or nothing      rutted tracks where donkeys      rollerskates  
or knife-sharpening bicycles once traveled      two pair  
of scissors for ten pesos      heavily-trafficked avenues.

etched or muffled or heavily-trafficked.  
are we behind our eyes  
or in them. are we  
inside our bones or made  
of them. the scaffolding fails.  
are we as much pinky  
toe as eyebrow mandible neck

or we are our scaffolding      much as  
shutters and lateral openings open      no visible  
trash trucks      containers      lab coats for school-kids  
glassy worn handles on carts      wooden railings  
span rivers      metal tracks      things singe calmly



scaffolding      shutters      trucks      glassy things  
the world without textures what  
some people see      two overly-green  
greens and a horizon made  
of just one building      one  
sky      it's typical not to  
notice      hence walking      buses      breathing

things people without horizon    building not breathing  
cadence    gait    sidewalk    breath    metal grate    metal  
curtain    bullet-proof vest    notepad    window display    carved  
lion    glow-in-the-dark poster depicting The Most Important  
Events In Our Country's History    people    disappear

people cadence bullet-proof      the people  
a stone in your pocket  
a horizon made by docks  
to swathe in locatable comfort  
to remember      to remember this  
the rhythm of buildings moving  
past      the undertow of traffic

mammalian air invisible. not breath  
and if we were to  
very quietly perceive the earth  
swelling between us dodging ballooning  
to meet excitedly inevitably-evident us  
bucking physiology the enormous nothing  
thunderously astray untethered. bucking wayward.

air if quietly between us enormous untethered  
the hand of a distance-eroded person drawing  
galloping deer      mouth slightly open      pausing      interlocking  
diagonal floor segments laid individually      polished      pressed  
into service by other hands      other distances



quietly the galloping diagonal into  
this and then that and  
then every other cloud is  
industrial waste or steam run-off  
made round like a rail  
or a wheel or a  
product      a product is rounded

quietly this cloud industrial rail or product.

to order      re-order      reveal      reel      to walk

with or without purpose specifically      to observe.

watch    scrutinize    speculate    browse    graze    scatter    shelter

surge    swath    widen    purge    to not purge

or to specifically browse      surge  
against a sky a sequence  
of buildings      a sequence of  
sky sky-sliced by wires      sounds  
which would be gunshots      tepid  
multitudes stopping traffic      sounds do  
not stop but settle.      sequencing

surge against sequence by gunshots multitudes stop  
navigating trepidatiously a tremendous small death sinking  
in the midst of many tremendous multitudes  
dozens-and-dozens beyond which is you vivid blue  
public bus riding past in a burst

gunshots navigating tremendous vivid burst  
vivid buses complicit explanations implied  
the magician's made-to-order artistry administered  
sleight-of-hand quotidian adornments the majestic  
staircase no one descended blocked  
to the public blockaded children  
hungry on the asphalt sleepless

navigating complicit administered adornments      blocked public asphalt  
lucid      intrepid pedestrianism      space divided in pockets  
sufficiently      combed idiosyncracies but not too combed  
as the topographical peculiarity is the best  
part      or cities unbutton slowly on purpose

complicit divided - combed topographical cities  
tunnel everywhere or everywhere important  
into the military mechanical-engineering school  
she was taken for each  
sentence a lifetime for each  
death more death is it  
sufficient now to live; sufficient

topographical or military      for each death      sufficient  
the birds shall remain nameless as we  
~~do~~ not know their names      likewise those  
wintry stalks pressing sky-bright form in fields  
against the angled absent cityscape      sufficient      vanished



or nameless names stalks angled  
uncounted feet and shoes worn  
down bullet-proof sidewalks or as  
the case may be inadvertent  
up toward steeply leaning obstructions  
at very loud angles very  
loud angles protruding car horns

nameless uncounted sidewalks      inadvertently      steeply loud angles  
one waits      one crosses the street      one  
scrambles for exact change for the bus  
meanwhile      you are star-gazing      meanwhile      we don't  
use the word dictatorship      yet      it clicks

sidewalks      street      bus      meanwhile dictatorship  
of light      slenderest shortest day  
of the longest light possible  
but not reasonable      double winter  
buildings bulking broken streets      doubled-up  
bicycles with two kickstands      for  
the bike      for the breadbasket

meanwhile light      light doubles buildings      kickstands      the  
rains and rains      behind retiro train station  
retiro bus station from which one-hundred-seventy-something buses  
depart      a street-colored dog's sleepy punctuation to  
a scuffed orange plastic chair      swerving taxis

buildings rains buses punctuation scuffed  
plants scuffed and sold for  
two pesps per corrugated pressed-tin  
roofing immaculate migration taxis swerve  
to avoid craters or nothing  
or nothing is immaculate glistening  
flutter of transit storefront portside

rains scuffed corrugated migration    nothing    nothing    portside  
passage    through the night or day    more  
quickly out the window the land greenly  
widely lushly southernly swathes river-veined and becomes  
something else    or this land again renamed.

corrugated passage quickly lushly again  
to harness or to unharness  
slow slow swift swift propulsion  
pressing gravitational sheets      collecting blustering  
uncloistered swift-slow-single atoms or volts  
pulsing toward pulsing forward implosions  
outward downward sidewinded air electrified



lushly unharness swift blustering atoms pulsing electrified  
through zig-zag trees monkeys zinging with smaller  
monkeys slung atop their backs chirpy atoms  
blustering swift out-of-breath pulse unmanicured manners  
unapeakable waterfalls two rainbows and no unicorns



