

# GRAVITY DARKENING



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mollusk to a thinking

adjunct simulator missive

\*

unsealed flies

probe lasting understanding

blisters nostalgia

the fair

load

capturing

a suburban weather parlor

straining through

pollution budgeting

to foreground tonal wrappers denied

## Guarding the Passage

continue opening  
the options dead  
money damages

positive lack  
colored becoming  
a crumbling

come                      lot  
                                of good  
conversation  
the years                provoked

ward matters  
automatic in a right  
becoming

insanity

impatient silver remembering

perfect                  doings  
higher                  option

neurochemical pain

occurred in multimedia

\*

alignment stranger  
doing the taciturn obligation  
didn't donate

sane transformation footing

handling

sciatica

exercise

situated

in back words

heard and picketed

happiness marrow

its function decent

wants sideboard daydreams

the classic yesterday beverage

and pay the cooked stump

\*

while curry phone

turned back sitcom water

an exertion timekeeper

sees

motherland foghorn meteor

fastening

lighthouse dogs

a home hunter

would readily explain

wanted

the lifeguard llama

footing time transformers

not off in back  
spending long words lost

## Alone Again

a medical lemming  
styled in the bunker  
no catacomb left

to stoop to

or           cave in  
caterwaul   fashion  
talks       falling  
              down

winging it Latah fashion  
a repetition match caught  
hemming when divided

no haw turns to gee  
when jehosophat trembles

the oxen steering

coarsely over the moan  
no ashen phoenix on the rise  
from the stint of live cremation

burned a creation filter  
stemming rooted from  
its loosened isotopical

                                  stemming vowel  
for  
clover           sounds lucky to  
burn  
                                  flame internally

## Glandular Potential

testicular headrests  
wrench storekeeper cans  
across liniment coves

a charlatan mélange  
straining  
renewal geeks  
gladiatorial emulsifiers  
abdominal bigamists

asset ogre credits looming at birthplaces

\*

a thug tympani  
appealed to retired diameters  
no polysyllable due

its rambler hostel

for a marshmallow enema  
the mad lender boldly detonates  
the hospital

divorce usher used  
a synthetic seeding  
for tragic panorama

suburban primers

sneezing petrochemical thoroughfares

\*



## They All Sing On, the Cornered

receding arrears panic  
when disruptions concealed  
their lost awe  
to abdominal radar

wet                      breath clocks  
simulation              artichoke pangs  
reflexes                 rendered shut

parasol technologies  
cash in a transplant panegyric

staged  
when magical velvet  
rustled pronouncements

too                      proctorial  
straining                for reprint

a receding a cappella

falls

bygone

## Bargaining Fog

invigorating mists  
flank the innuendo chasm  
    rendered  
        participations unsealed

woodpecker dissenters  
lend marshes indisposition missives

    shutter green  
    shoreline doctrines  
    intervene  
        a leisure

    hustler (no fault alone)  
    as follow-on geeks show  
    a mad rattle for limping

        pacemakers

    seeding

        anterior vents

    for coiled relevance  
    across rainy cover-ups

        from the buttoned

        self-starter

        alone

        in artifact closures

## Ennui Battling Entropy

interstitial enmity ploy  
remanding the incandescent  
to a storied somnolence

breathing  
iridescent alphabets

non sequitur  
beats the towel fire  
at burning irrelevance

an offbeat snare  
wherever encased  
a castaway heading

breathes a crude embryo tonic

gestating  
a muted fabric  
in ellipse  
a determination on  
course to discover the dot

the nautical detection mantra

eluding the haunted vesicle statement  
shaking the screams enlarging duress

in the cloying vacuum  
left for the breathing seat  
to peel  
tantric doldrums

from the matter pledge

before the anemic onslaught  
renders all thoughts endemic

and turns desire  
a so-called fabric  
of iconic threads

into a headlong hurling grove  
where lanterns can repudiate  
tonics whisper a sorry decree

before the filter legend  
can reduce the venture's storied bile

to a truth tablet  
grilled on the curb as a slow fillet

## Scoring Fun and Profit

arterial controversy  
doubles clamber  
crusty tattle feint

scarecrow dating volunteers  
pressed vertebrate platters across a forward gala

bedtime a greenhorn forward  
water a skillful music in the foreground

unquestioned baritone leper  
inclines epicure hostility and confusion  
embraces  
the slow stronghold  
hammering forward

to deleted matinee  
crescent shard or gullet sieve

keepsake bursting leotard felines

gravestone lingo platter  
no entertainer volunteers  
as vertical grouch returns

bait passage  
on learned theory wearing  
skillful nonchalance

nonstop fireside scrotal intent  
player climbing on mystic stripper

turnstile tallies net a skillful return

## Darkening the Showing Room

silt palette  
bargaining in thrills

straight money  
the expenditure credo

launders hierarchical linens

insignia lotto  
grasped the post

for padlocked manhole doubles

\*

tuned for bursting

darkroom shame  
heartthrob takeovers  
roadster partner epics

horsewhip the lens  
epilogues of theatre  
nonstop thrills return

lumbago cement  
a calling lost to thirst

a refinement to laxative climbing neophytes

\*

partitive lounges  
handled scapegoats  
in police manner

under  
scrotal pastels

when refreshment central  
feted its addition listeners

to foreground  
the vendor theme  
to slow  
the heartland harvester's  
shadow

## Borderline Ingrates

fossil enchiladas  
greet the grand splenectomy  
venting scene  
                  after  
carting          flume scene  
drama  stitches

the cradle tumescent  
as its carriers launch

the breeding pulpit

at any river chart currently tiding

along the scored line  
streaming mouthwash handily  
while

    bent  
        spleens

lurch belated rumination lunch

(food for ought)

feeding the hand to bite them

## Class In( )action

entrapment light  
eliminates the bartered keel  
and lumbering

valves  
across clearances

the moistened backers joking

“one iced empire  
written in patent”

under aquatic jurisdiction

\*

the classes who  
keep guard celebrating

pinched grammatical networks

whitewashed  
ledge plague

deepening

its blown federations  
amazing drool repellent

lightened

mamba  
withdrawal

pluralities

strike the

reveling topcoat  
spinning tipsy in

foreground

memoriam doorknobs vacating cutbacks

\*

anything shivering forward fades

more lost  
than sprang

under the spare epigram  
anachronistic souvenirs croaking

weary

with its plutocrats

drained  
from dry heroes

never the mongoose angle  
torching their belligerent strike

## Downscale Dining

industrial memory hamburgers  
weeping anywhere to salt  
unconscionable ions

hard against injection hours  
waste a violated pipe dream

picket the what is  
of best incinerator growth

flying the exact  
motor moaning

nearly each history

\*

memories arch the clean ism  
a mindless nimbus tissue scanning

optical  
trash

felt wild dismembering

urban throat choice  
waxed all sculpture

thunderstruck                      reverberating

their subsidiary markets

monetarily furnished



## Mural as Oral Historian

throwback arts  
pocket the south terminology  
colitis vagabonds shrug

modeling tarpaulin behavior  
under flayed transits

ossified      envelope  
wedges      lead venting  
rent centers

cobweb lockers  
trunk off the octagon password

\*

vindication latitude  
no indicator of boardroom massages

lonely pacifier  
conduct maniac replicas  
lanyard vagabond

simply justified their lineage progression

ramped  
to pure deflation

crossed through a garbled ceramic



\*

fricative indecision monsoon tantalizes  
gumming low threats toward intonation  
threading vagary tools the throne feeds

demented platitudes  
whispers of longevity

no justification      ever

a fit

## Half-Bull as Manned

a minotaur classic  
at the outpost a cell phone tragedy  
in the making

the plethoral derangement  
sensation derived  
the utmost pleasure

filter containment  
fits half the man, no less

the other  
fields the hooper bawl

when the call a dream  
comes truism  
for the ideologically bound

to satellite receptors  
left ragged as repair  
and deceptively as a

return from a place left

in

between the horns

## Conclusion Gone For

cavern patterns  
a cold rebuttal claim  
against

derivative  
collisions embark      no mirror  
   intention  
darkening  
                         the blamed

before intent malingered

passing vagaries                      end to end  
   beginning

\*

arrange video doorbells  
aloof              from scatter patterning  
                         stance

lime drip enclaved  
tactical stalagmite

enhanced  
its uptake

no clam rudder ever discounted

\*

ever the chill  
aim gone darkening  
the ring  
    tone asserting

    elision rotors  
    slowed a run

on a track  
    too distanced  
        from winning

## Disappeared as a Future

each city's bedtime link  
a skillful lawyer deleted

in prime  
legend and orchestrated

dreadfully

the strippers  
bullied the mate listeners  
all of them

takers nonstop  
or past contrast

\*

nonstop knocking  
without central incendiaries  
moves

the vernacular  
whetted casualty volts

slow                    for the organization  
fathom                passageway  
castaways             chairlift  
to the

vermouth grassland

\*

feature plateau embankments  
use addition when knocking a  
vendor at the contrast perjury  
    padlocked  
        to the jazz vortex

    under  
the hearse crossed forward

to become flagrant  
a marketing fodder

    slotted past itself

## A Beef in the Dry Cabaret

the oasis singer  
tallies her canon docket  
radar to flutist

artifact invitations  
to sawtooth chatter

her tablespoon father-in-law  
denies practical skillet pollution  
for horseshoes

ordered

to resist

a viola

\*

the stoppage transit  
reversed docket, skimmed marshes

leveled condominiums  
turned  
a marquee:

grandparent lighthouse

dockland advisors  
transit alone, straining pizza thrones  
verbatim

flagstone marshes  
parlay abdominal pockets, bickering  
softly  
lending a random maxim:  
  
their legend from the tapeworm realm

## Apology Unsold

empty rehearsal  
to play a well-bent repentance

despite scenario swallows  
forego the somnolent wilding  
currency disjunction filament

motoring the ravenous frenzy mustard

gray breath  
almost glows  
nominal will

the umber-toned ease quandary utterance

\*

gloried contour confused revenge  
occlusion boom rang frontons before vantage

a steaming elision  
eyes a patois matter salons  
fallacious cover

seizure montage  
lacing beverage paper

blocked  
the deluxe lumens debacle

easing dreams in frenetic grain  
thoughtful surface burial included

iron tunes the heat

to the rung

dawn gripping a failed gesture

## Collared in Blue

the take-home pride  
of umbrage workers

distills the double process shift

arboreal watchdog serpents  
lie in wait for truth to chance

a newer blue vernacular  
rushes across  
the parking lot

at whistle's Pavlovian shrill

\*

beer as distillation  
a grunter's due reprieve

an imminent call  
off the carpet  
or from  
home work  
no class  
attended

no forked retrieval  
pitched  
a horseshoe repellent  
or for  
lottery luck  
turning

off the stool and out

\*

returns bring returns  
to reruns that retread

a pitted surface

## Beyond the Seen

translucent imbroglios fade  
the incumbent shading grim

opaque  
after the coral addendum  
darkened thrust  
moral batter burst embroiled

wrenching dry heave pattern music

across the first agenda  
to be soiled in concept  
the first quench indeed

justified the thirsty matter  
as orally brimmed conceit

on the sweetened mantra plaster

less informed to ruin

\*

clattering chatter  
teeth caught in the chill

an oracle feels  
requesting visions  
a transfer left guessing

the wild incisions of the street

gelato aching  
the inquest patio  
in the compendium

where shark apertures unleash  
their truant declamation filters  
during the phylum entry soufflé

dawning

interim gestation

filaments

counting galore as caloric heat

\*

a vision left unfiltered  
demands unscented marketing  
to fill its bracket demands

a nattering assembly kit  
left the bitten fingers clasped  
behind the garden

hose bursting first chair  
of the *Symphony Opaque*

composed, unruffled at first  
by the movement's demand

until  
sight-reading  
the first measure

continuing past the written score

cresting turned at first remote

then shored the orchestral fade

## A Faith War with Classes

then workhouses  
whetted threshold boundaries:  
a feted insignia palace

the lemur schemata  
scrotal dissonance reflector  
orchestrated  
impurities

(hostage tips for  
arterial listeners)

pagoda dissonance a garbled mutation

\*

past refinement  
blistered listeners reform  
each city's unquestioned sorbet

fodder casualties vary dreadfully

plasticine clergies reference the mystic  
ravage feeders dry the grasped topcoat

arterial slivers retracted  
implicit epigram fatigue

roadside fodder fights  
bone shakers grasped at myths

mandarin tales left unquestioned

## Beachfront Blaspheming

a heretic haze  
encumbered with leaps

                  indefensible  
integer                  scaling  
                  vegetarian elevators

                  where

                  threadbare reddening  
                  gears the thrust reply  
                  its weird thrills strewn

genetic heating formats dart

                  leverage stanchions

                  \*

parlor heathens  
from andante film growth  
renewed their vendetta

                  guerrilla headgear  
                  humiliation menagerie

                  of their reclusive weaver

                  a suited pastel outburst  
                  casting forum servants on lavish stairs  
                  stalagmite bracketing

wherever surrender thrashing  
shrines the strange equations  
whose incidence raised crops

along prepositional  
condiment declaimers

\*

forewarned  
or softly writhing  
their unholy hassle clipped

seafront slippage  
a vent bonnet unabashed  
the ratio leopard

uprooted reply luggage  
its verger pause  
a subtonal retake

obscure grappling distilled to fodder pangs

## A History as Processed

a spank vacancy  
after valediction rumors  
vale past  
    polygon advisors

the throwback  
stamping a sinecure  
    for

curb           baffling reflexes  
mope          preparing delusion  
    to  
a noon carapace

\*

velvet rookie reprobate clones rut

redeeming the thoraxes  
a decimated vegetation panorama

appealed  
the dialectics

when a hard pedal endorsement  
tailgates retread verbatim artiste

no flame-thrower regatta  
to oil its enrollment radar

\*

when velvet clods  
reprimand simulation ecology  
a maximum synthetic

idiom stopwatch flies  
diagonal seam technologies

no reciprocity

vegan wrappers refute      oiling  
eastward chili                  the  
    pang                      anterior enmities  
embankment

breaking

among baffling reflexes

## Gravity Darkening

lantern walker  
strutting slow pride

across  
the urban steppe  
the chains  
of nothing lurk

to waste low heat on pride

or matters  
bearing weighty truculence  
and abdomens  
of gravity

no snide snarks  
to walk the walk

or talk it

\*

where the dust hides  
in passion  
embryonic  
clarity murmurs

rarify the bare on naked cracks

no backing follows  
the light there or on returning



## Fame Delay

glamor plagiarism:

the fusion schizophrenic  
the apoplectic pedant

the beautician-broadcaster

of partnership unglued  
seminal sidelight beneficiaries  
linking where

cash growths  
vent  
convenience

broadcasting strange possessions

with clipped partitive  
attenuated the pictorial

\*

the sideline addenda  
grounding trellis avocations  
deferred linen  
for decoy

custom frailties covered

facet flashing  
the ravishing recoil

to the rancor elite

unadorned

\*

an emblematic stairway  
dangles shrouds to hearth-felt brains

for the            leg  
pause            appealing

elegy backlog  
loading melody's voyeur

to the vacant pathway

near tonality bouts  
where its grins accrue

delayed numbering

## A Measure Too Soon

different canyons  
braking rhetoric where prolonging  
cannot darken  
shadow  
vessels melody trousers  
loop their uncles  
once  
ballroom lip past the cigar blaze  
the ginger fling that air straining where  
the frenzied trills  
first sounds fade

knowing better

\*

the tenses gearing passage  
toward sonograph refraction matter  
hardened in the morning

connects orthographic dripping  
until blaze  
elaborate plumber wallets  
aroused offer  
what the wad  
beginnings grasp  
as the telltale answer

buried

\*

dog band's door  
wet dance built in  
mean reverberations

transforming their map  
before moon's wake  
or the effigy  
wallowing emetic  
undone fireworks  
loaded  
used sounds  
and light  
to no prophecy  
pace tongues waking  
without a gestation

## Glitz Night at the Lizard Lounge

when ermine glamour-catchers descend  
the ambient filters gilded amber night lens  
visions

skew the core delight

neon blisters a crescent intervention  
over their ambulant shard deflecting  
intersection prism riddles sanitarium

caught inhaling autocorrect  
while cramping a minor key

their mask a slow detention  
mirrored an indelibly convex  
enchantment chart enabled

passing fillers to diaphragm  
the chorus that repeats a past message  
in heels

spiked long at the bar

turn gladiatorial  
over their  
mismatched quandaries

their heat strikes a lampoon gorge

billows  
perplexing animation  
tapestries  
regardless of  
their taint

will ply their quarantined affections  
no matter the afflicted tenant's claim  
to badger breath scenario scandal

laughing while they boast  
their five-day island getaway  
flight booked inertia airways

their goodnight carts make spare  
room for any aleatoric passenger

## Torch Singer Flaming the Wane

a boomerang vocalist  
achieves wireless fretting  
well

before selection month

binary scoreboard  
the revenue lapse

glimpsing

the glazed

empty                      sandbar  
speedboats                beveled  
recede                      nominal

steaming

finished elision

\*

fallacious verities required coverage  
well before selection month saloons

umber-toned  
sonically grim

a steaming eyeball  
slow pucker long gloried

low roast barricades  
of shaded heater lacing

the tonic divider a searchlight shudder

\*

venue  
contraceptive      remedial  
                             bearskin  
                             lint  
                             blaze  
                             departing

its matinee ranking gone

no vaunted obligato  
                             where errata grows

a sycophantic dreamer

## Nickel-and-Diming the Paradigm

shaded partnership  
for a blender feast soaring

analgesic drift  
posing flagrant transit slog

prepositional volcano  
talons through cooler fibers

will ravage

the pleased custodian  
ghosting empty lieutenants

in dangles  
not raised

to gout simulacrum

buyer	as encroachment portfolio
contusion	and diction circumference
claiming	suede their silence docket

bookmarks wherever stagnant

threaten apoplectic grappling  
through ravenous occlusions  
turning condiment saturation

to soot  
the beveled radish threader  
in lingo  
near readerships

below the lecturing  
taunts aching amenities

\*

cultural plague  
stolen playboys posing  
their bearded  
derision

cartons blown  
fin cradles shored  
rarity vacant

linger like a campground eternity

renewed  
frailty luggage burst  
new disjunction

a decade among  
admonished remedial tomcats

to shore a failed matriarchy

against a nominal placenta

## Cutting Through Rumored Truths

engine region  
a supplier across lost falls  
    oiling  
another tab  
    coiled to refute  
primordial  
    artifact

when misfortunes veil dissidents

    or pantheon stencil  
    appealed in postal coves

the ensembles beyond all redeeming

    intervene

    \*

reciprocity yokel  
rendered rhapsody rumor

    the debit hostel  
    rents bigot advisors      (creches sold)  
    denied use

    "ship eccentricity in artifact brig"

    refute pacemaker mercy  
    the marshlands fall hard

monastery headrests can the bone shaker

the favor sip            denied  
proceedings            ozone  
slowly ogled            waged  
                         adapters

documentaries yearn a redeeming divisor

## A Show of Solid Virtue

the asphalt pelota harbor  
treads a frenetic slow-motion

scraping  
the metaphor salons

consonants drift  
tinted precipice encouraged

slow motion          meant fork a  
caliper revenge      berating legend  
   burial authority

impounded currency reduction  
blank dividend filament control          militant incursions split  
   well-bent remembrance

blow missing  
thoughtful monetary latitudes

\*

lumber the slow blown vergers  
encased vesicles emerging sentient  
under a replication sheath blocked

a nominal frenzy  
departing classics left before  
                 the miracle  
                                 in locks

whitewash follows metaphor  
snatching the hand admonished

bestial dreams convenient  
their formal seizure tinted steel  
as spectral noumena facets

the glide brick postponing dawn

grates the miracle to slow-motion repentance

tread passage imposed  
through finished elision sighting

revenge to surface panels turns in their granite

## Cheesecake in the Nostalgia Factory

verbal cleavage  
aloof when gow heaves  
archaic tongues

back  
to breathe  
in their own  
nostalgia  
pits

too hot to hammer or to nail  
or remove  
its grammatical heft

support

brings remembered  
stockings garter  
to us all flings  
our feet

weaving an oral booty sock



past listening

coldly  
hammering  
enormous thug modifiers

\*

and embarrassment epics  
as refuge of the feted laymen

ensconced

in a nonstop

leisure scenario

the crusty line schemata knocking

## In Cold Blood

glacial ganglia  
move slowly through  
their blood thaw

rippling reptilian  
a slow  
    syl  
      la  
       bic

slide along the belly

to the bestial forebears  
forming their frozen alliance  
in words  
    and tongues  
        language

beyond the barrier of sense  
the containment of the logic  
barriers to beyond meaning

claim warm blood  
    steadies the pace  
      its measured moves

number less  
    in the tropical sun

the slow writhes forever reach

## Mid-Day Discovering

invasion findings  
a portico rumination template  
    slowly chilled  
        in acid breeze

    remembers  
the night  
    as a yawning memoir

    brought

        under fancy

                as noon

depletes the foreground  
    savagery  
a lentil from its vest picked lean

    or tanning  
    as consequence of night  
        a yearning

casting past the faded cling  
a morning    of necessity  
waves its angry hypotenuse

angling moon rings  
    at castoff legerdemain  
        rancid apples on the fly

no chorus  
to compel its notion  
as credence

before time buckles frenzy

to empty noon under its silenced whistles

## After the Life

cadaver necessity  
a conclusion gone to reach  
    the forewarned  
                    after leaving

cross-breath on the wind  
mirrored the steam condensing

a glass reflection  
to memory pits turned vague

    a hollow  
            misted

to dampen every legend  
where shadows displace  
the verbs a noun carries

    a body left  
    to chill its action mode

                    to watered platelets

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where the reach seals  
ossified character declamations  
afford each occlusion

breached  
an umbilical forefront  
    crossing a tide that binds

land to sea as a last grip

no answer whispered in the bridge light

to repeal a tense present  
riding the grammar surge  
past a repellent's waking

sense to avert  
the coming emotional weave

threading over  
a desert's water

## Man on the Go

camouflage delay  
a fortuitous setting in longing

spotted attributes  
rotary dissembler

in pudding variants darken  
places gathered like the  
slots

hiding  
the rumor morgue

a stain spoken as secrets embalmed

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the patchwork strong  
as memory requires  
its flatulent disparities

to break the darkened wind

the forge dismembered  
strongly cast the dice of steel  
in disputes

assembled token  
parity  
earned dissuades feeling

broken caught guarding  
rewards stolen prong clots  
left to dry

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partly in perpetual dispute  
the shading burns the slate to gray winds  
breaking  
    on the custom fly  
        left  
    an  
eminence                      unzipped  
  
    in its blather  
    sends its valor toward the trees

## When Predators Do Lunch

fibroid panacea  
zoom lens left intact

the fleeting mural  
turned  
intractable

across the shedding wall, turned myth

to leaky panegyric  
motor tuned cadenza  
volley an impact bereft

1.

the middle syndrome  
breaches the next escapade

recurrent totem frenzy pandemic

while portable yearnings  
inhabit the influenza pocket  
new castigation

yields  
to the wary nonchalance  
of  
intermediate bastards

sitting wary along the sofa  
greeting forenoon's replay, burning under neon

no field left

before horizon's low-cal spread  
cleft a hefty miracle

to embrace a slow descent

2.

matter spreads its energy wing  
no preterite left

to lunge against

or song to cling a measured tense

before the glare bank's lowly hit  
belittles empowered reflections  
against a steel shield's silver glint

diatribe frenzies implode  
precision factories, forgotten flares

reveal  
a caustic hub

centrifugal enema force redundant

as vacant polish  
embryonic transfer strata  
unleashed

its mantra:  
data fury  
flexing tissue

slow-bound while forces web the raptured enclave

## Khan Man After Xanadu

jissom stretchers  
will seek a timeline remedy  
emoticon streaming  
in fashion

its passion meant  
a vendor button  
blundered its viscount scales

incendiary decimal visions  
procured  
at the neighboring

happenstance occurred  
as a nightly pleasure domed

a creed  
in lurch mode

lumping

any lecher willing to come  
in for a pass  
-ing stream

as an imagined rather

## The Normal Turned Unnameable

epithet crossings  
the stones that stick arrears

meet again

dried stream beds remember  
wet names  
verbed in blood tense

a harbinger where the song  
of sting

first reached premonition setting

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what a name  
is in

the future's breath ensemble  
caught  
training in  
a lung report

before claiming  
sexual dicta  
the heat unfurled  
the words  
a tonsil core  
would incite affording

the weight of rising company

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the tissue rent from under  
the landlord faucet remake

insipid  
remarks            pivot  
insidious

axis retorts  
taken out of rotation

no return left on any guess

## Tipping the Iceberg

couples scrape home  
overtaken hurricanes consumed

the torn leg  
the wrench dance

road half down  
psychedelic brush noises  
earthquake or steel

hot waveforms exit a glaze

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basted while  
headphone amplification rises      lungs alight  
for massive worth close              from  
in perjury dots                      past systems  
elastic band reborn

tangent angels lashing prime

bracket weekend needle's forward breeze

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handcuffed pudenda  
whetted faucet dormitories

hated jacket acrobat  
triplicate from pitch feeds

mounted stroboscopic  
over hurled talk  
like sonic past

sustaining another window

“attrition swivels your haunting will”

the whirling apogee

a mojo scuds the Titanic’s fixtures

and the sailor’s raging anvil

## Vacation's End

holiday transfer  
longing for an idyll return  
the boat  
    a slow tone  
fizzing back  
    too fast  
for appreciative murmurs  
to echo  
    past either kind

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grit returns  
the journey shock  
as though contained  
in future wallets  
a leather left unbound

however  
    constrainment  
        fits  
    a plural longing  
        for opposing directions

## Finishing the Line

early bedlam pincers  
lather the early pomegranate  
against  
    its weathered facade

the ritual booth encumbered  
numeric stanchion following  
remaindered purple thought

as the tooth with a lasting ache

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enamel patter changes  
the glint of its grinning facade  
while the knot tightens

a clinch against the winning tide

an emerald  
    petite as the crossing  
                    guard smug

    as customary  
genuflection strata  
    crosses the climbing

vein turned desert ivy  
no walls left to mount  
or slowed brick to veil

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failed prophecies loomed  
the past tense weave spinning  
to shade  
the turmeric dairy fronton

as its gears

gyrate

defensive postulates

in

facing } numerical possibilities

past

the late

arrivals

preside

## Always Something

distrust  
a rumor-specific invocation  
shattering acclimated yodel marshes

appealed  
to polyp carburetors

alone  
in a tunic adjective

clones concealed in a checker hive

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primordial relations coiled  
another syndrome for lending  
threat pollution  
fruitcake tubing

in oat cans  
denied the stomach banister  
falls

a condor nun  
lost to fair headlights

no chill  
to think

a  
porthole

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the marriage inspector  
enters a father-in-law stopper

rendered  
an epistemological embankment  
in decay

a lemon statistic

to refute

the pectoral refuse

lending idiom disturbance

to blister easy vertebrates

cloned and concealed in the checker hive

## Before the Colosseum

scallion tunics  
levered against the crossbeat

a slow colonic  
irritant

embodied

in mirrored  
triple histrionic  
plaster afterbirth

statues

indelible portrait systems  
ripple chronic worth bazaars  
nascent to parallel interjections

autonomic members

renew their scaffolds

bettors vent assembly

mottled camouflage outlets  
survey the greeting flossed  
across the sleeping wagers

militant  
iconic

vestibule endurance embodied

dissolute tantrum armada  
scales flashing in sunlight  
a glimmer past reckoning

a chronic mileage  
intermittent

parroted isotopic membrane  
suits deflect acrostic meter pulses  
when fancy peddles up their coast

a whim detergent  
laundered

to  
the  
mat

where flattened pulses lapse their final synapse



the deliberations  
of platform playboys instructed flyovers

amid rumors  
the taunt toward the successions

afflicted  
the voyage boozers

distending the sausage canard of sonic vestries



## Limiting the Sky

bonus fiber nostalgia  
excremental inlay attuned

    svelte diaphragm bluster  
    internal rhetoric breathing

flame jockey tribunals  
    at the coral oasis grill  
        no desert ever left dry

the ice bunch proceeding  
through the host enclosure

paramount as their trying will seem

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stiletto emulation packing  
brings the suite an undue attention

    no skyline mentor overheard

    outlay                   traps flay currents  
    ever left               rushing angles rocket  
    to mention             hemp flame dementia  
        roped in

    to pigeon legend

        left behind  
            in flight

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every tidal delay returns  
public facilities to rest as dark

forces unravel  
the leisurely swelter at play  
the splayed scrabble

yet another question  
played  
a  
word housing  
hangar  
needs  
to fly  
a plan one  
one short  
angle  
to  
land

where the scooters rip

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in cantaloupe fashion modes  
clipped credentials follow slowly  
behind

avalanche passions  
uncontained  
in the vessel

relayed the replay  
message glued fast  
envelope sealed  
for the heat

melting the feathered answer's wax

## Policed Navidad

a phylum enchilada  
portable as a decibel numeric

recurrent phobia ladder  
clawed envy registers the first time

no bone left  
to gnaw or resist

the hefty clatter its volume  
chews padding into noise pits

the bitten avocado  
against the pierced  
audiophile's rhetoric

displaced orchestral

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taxonomic envy breeds  
more amniotic competitors

an early start  
on the count

dermal charge coming

a minced blessing  
include entourage

burrito register  
lowers its octave hatch

a cadaver bargain

for the pinata breaking

the crack  
an audible upward count

the pitch  
a tuning fork

would mutter  
crushed meat  
off the scale

no presence left attuned to play

## Killing the Message

industrial python reparation  
broken catechism reflex betrayed  
secret momentum wagons

sour deletions recur  
deltoid factotum rage  
breeds  
sure voltage fire  
as a surly charged  
dimension surfaces  
the irrevocable tirade

price of retention surfing  
waves against the kettle pretense  
flagged  
to charging suffix votes

the sorrow of a wet declension melt  
left behind at the social counter ball

a modicum assembled  
slow as a winter mutiny  
when radar bagels mirror

their sense of the pseudo-replete  
while succumbing to intense deletion  
no flagon left to dull the company

their presence  
desired  
more greatly as absence

a  
writhing  
urge

revelation caught  
a private moment

suppressed  
compassion

to  
swallow the whole  
factory

factotum or no  
big cigar left  
behind the leaning back

each broom seated contempt under their own assembly wickets

a baffled montage

in search of

aching couriers







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