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Coming Next

parvenu emporium
rudimentary heifer parlance
absolution received

nightly salutation
a fillip to a grieving mongrel
warming eastward

enchilada tablets on the left

accolade interventions
carouse despite a workbook surplus
huge tissues the break

nouveau empirical
swept multimedia to pablum
no matter the salsa

dip intrusion
glazed an isotope charging
casserole embargo

vaccine catapults to breed the line

a radio faded starlet

tonic borne

tragicomedies

drifting to bearskin

somnolent

where pageants link

receivers

*

no

tuner slipping mooch

to

pall hinterlands

a raw-handed resuscitator

reaches for

slipping pork

Going Nuts

walnut stocked sepulchral disaster
parlance dispensing nosebleed despair

nautical patois drifts on rotisserie silence
rations a monetary trend emerging

intrepid financiers lurch in simulacra
bandanas boiled past a blowtorch vigil

an unexpected hodge-podge where
seatbelt warriors turn somnolent
after snatching fetal umbrage traces

fired after an easel derision scourge
a revenue villain scented histories
before distance broadcasters blasted
tragedy benchmarks grimly eastward

a nominal firebrick neologism bent
grimly where schism commotion left
the cost ramp gray as legislation

low in pastiche, no convenient leer
to impound the volcano historians
the porter grows a new vocabulary

the dreamer sweats nonchalance
its vesicle encore palpitating upsets

their peccadillos play thoughtful
replication benches at a wireless
nadir seasoning in civilian pageants

reach gripping its power scent fired
where glower prefaces fail unstocked

Idler Time

the slow idler
pastes a liner top
precisely

to slow
lapse casseroles
through
graphic

vernacular
of whetted

nonchalance

*

barber loaves retract
for skillful neighbors knocking
the bounty
hearthrug impressionists

bulled
in all matadors

precisely to hold the muster lapse

*

synthetic scaremongers
badger the slow referendum
forward

using palindrome casseroles

giving slotted modules
straight diagram ensembles

of pabulum nerves

Internal Revolt

the repeal of musket threads
cost their message no repose
enough that verses breeze in
elated vagaries back cashiers
mastiff dissuasion brings hammers
to heat a saturnalian passion
to a spiraling shrubbery flash
breeding forefront garners
parading their intransigent
edifice row the tense repellent
bartered a digestive tunnel
concealed the causal stasis
to crawling armada pledges
shore care fought mental suffix
matrix the mail palace laxative
coiled across surly vendors
mirrored reluctant readers
fowling intentions scripted their cost
sneaking darkness by mosquito
for tuna repellent or reflux banners
force dropping regions homeward

Running in Place

a tree a mile long
and
documented pilaf

motoring the grid

locked on a sea of crescents
mooning
over pablum locators

semblance
puckers
worn
down

transgressive calls to making

cart call fever
the scent of a plumber's id

a question left

unbidden

*

no answers lie
unless compelled or worn
to bare truth

catalogues | compendium
despair
the isomer folly patch

despite its tangerines impaired

or snatched
from collard vineyards

inferring
the weak rebuke

while
an oblong distance
hardened
the
grinning
rotor

conferred on their spinning resistance

Creative Agonizing Achieved

muse bins overreach a pane
no important rubric murmured
its retrospective reverb attack
blindfolds plead a benchmark
yawning ahead of a distant
ferment to resist over ragged
parchment reincarnation pack
a flight span riddles a rain of fury
while waffle dampers climb
over a hammocked subertfuge
before lying in wait to inspire
tepid breeding pastures torn
to linoleum hell on first waking

a dulcimer octet rant ingrained
lifers dead to tax perspective
dreadock rumination fiercely
admonished in first gear fashion
sequins tarnished a somnolent
clipping an elliptical omnivore
battled raw consumption radish
whether convenient or pleated
the booze timepieces scribbled
lapel treads encouraged ferment
churned a ribbon farce ragged
sneered past canonic bandanas

a past rhyme spites a launch
to tether stockroom bangs
on elliptical bucket knuckles
grappling museum gateway
intensifies cheddar barristers

couching lasso vesicles left
nursing a scribble caucus
where disarmament busters
canonized soda morsel drip
a steer-crossed interchange
fierce clairvoyant bargaining
forms teardrops coldly tamed

Head in Gear

candelabra hallucination
a catastrophe the broadcasters

l a u n c h e d

blown past
the above
to the nadir

the undercurrent
dead lipstick glimmering
faucet eyes
any faded eyelid droop

milkmaids recumbent
staying to burst finale
the saucepans blaze
vocative constituents

ravenous turbo flashing

()

hidden fedora taboos
(the misadventure beautician past)

handed
nonchalance the dollar

a repentance dolly
isolates operatives while striking
preconditions

curtain friction

fresco players
making their bench move

no certainty left

to play

()

cognomen drift
dissuades a fortitude agenda

(no refactor ploy garnished)

venom errata
airwaves the leftward transit
brim tilted
ahead of the masses

isolate passing before sideshow distention

texture swallows
a quizzical reversion sticker

a milieu inversion

()

material irrelevance
impounded mustard brooding

(insomniac occlusion)

a vacant display
the multimedia fragments turf

dazes one sealant informant

host debate
angst failed
to haystack

the sidestep mezzanine

no brim left for him

a hostage to the last only

Fervor Pitch

upstairs
garnish removal feathers

radiant sweepstakes mantra redone

clever as a missing portent
animus redux thicket intrusion
tonsils its beckoning forthwith

to welcome the omen blue onus

attuned to figurine strata
levels the new hierarchal
intonation headings left

rambling muskrat arena tarnish

renewed
under a coast of leathered variables

Calling out all Contributors

we need your fractured mosaic

*

the fragments of a paragram
disputations worn to thin veil
cast your pleasantry rhumba

nightly fisticuff montage
a slow premonition creeps
while decimals wander

*

catacomb legend derails omnibus attachment metier

*

your fragment equals right
when a mural leads my beheading
and its plasma towers wilt

lecture vacuums precede themselves

corollary fungal voids
determine avid lecture clans
a three-piece hot pursuit

at variance akimbo liver styx delivers

*

apiece means more than one
divided, shared or undecided
plastic merchant seats derail

market forces marked for extinction

closeouts left them
in shortened supply
and bared ankles

no revelation too good for wandering

*

no forest seeks its pilgrim night
a stance of matter pitted to rest
while the collage students party

too bright for their own words
their wail bounces brick to red
my course stark but distinctive

renders lawn tosses against mowed grain

*

omnibus legends retail catacomb detachment letters

Publishing Row

don't refuse the editorial reek
pinstripe tremor their inspiration
peels back the desperate soon
developing a ringworm piccolo
the steady glow live faces pulse
with unexpected bile surfacing
through the drooping opportunity
their toll mouth circumvented
blurring their shortlist shuffle
with an axis of sediment wounds
pledged before bankruptcy
whirled its blue-black cinder
crunched manuscript behavior
jarred thought sparks vile glare
flashed curtain heat otherwise
sulking hatred looked where
assassin hand lunge imagined
palm a linguistic cannon before
striking the contractual laugh
as the margins left in place
a footage satisfaction short-lived

Businessmen Bounced

weightlifter tubing revenge
testicular iconoclast transforming
opalescent waterfront

buyers run
up the storied parklands

headboards turned miscarriages
buttoned suntan remnant baffling brick

no washcloth tentacle
disposes its ribbons
no oral used
its rotor captive

inkstand couriers assigned threshold bias
reaped cans parlay

capturing
reporting

the peasant
concealed grizzle

adapter
at the proctorial bar

indentation hornet buzz
varnishes tattered stool
maybe noon parameter

merger dribble

repetitive markings denied the fat
advisor appealed sensual politics
mast assures

actuarial vasectomies

as tides receded
the alone beckoned the unpaid

Thankless Labor

receiver of the hard fought
assigned the tomahawk swings
before the workday manacle

no carjack cranks enjoyed
working the purple freight pigpen
damn pride destroyed

secure swings toughened
profligate beginners before dramatic
cost stubs crackled a rant

a farcical sharpener quest
reappraised tepid accomplishment
where a debt of activity

offset a motorcycle bargain
chased intercom distance to turnaround
personal facing scandalized

prod sweatsuit tarnished
a similar determination convertible
would fade next site

Talking the Walk of Fame

idiot reflexes
verbatim articulation
reproach

testicular tadpoles

careen opalescent

storied ladders fall

threesomes stamping
as priests rendezvous
hatching skin palaces

seeking wet innovation

()

superstar glimpses
faucet hustle alone
histrionic over look-

alike deviate hormone
a cappella the sojourn

alone bargaining
concealed salamander invoices
the product

lends debate

tabloid retouch a costly dazzle

()

artifact adept
occipital chatterer

straining to grope
polyglot velvet pronouncements

calling it magical

when a careen rustled parcels from teenagers

gladiatorial clenches fatigue
dissents
invigorating nostalgia missives

()

abdominal radar rippers
assigned problems upstaged
actuarially

a flamingo vacant
across from the drier

when
the marrow panorama
passing assent

stamping
traditionalists
wailed

reciprocity
diameters

transforming
innocent fun

as follow-on geeks

shut down
the production

Drinking in Tongues

a beer shift haunt declares
tears greened a newer flake line
through elision supercharge

a video wake returns fire

the animus breeds
a vernacular transmission
shredding dark chill

doorbells whirl breathing dry

the last narrative comeback
left a barracuda choreography
parking vocal stool breeze

the pace a glowing meat wig

sounds possession
refraining vagaries scatter
the speeding ink

deliverance in a blind vernacular

Dreaming in Kink

dating a nonstop gullet
bedtime squiggles reframe the plastic fawn

hatpin contusion ventriloquist
whetted

padlocked
molecules

the fodder throttles rattled layoff votes

fax clerics dash marquees
in vent gulch it's insignia music
vertical roadways a sham

lipstick diagnosis slotted networks
wearing throw-ins links feature prattle
the pollution jamboree

doubts faucet
the fireplace shard to manicure

torture boutiques
platitude unquestioned
implicit similarities bursting

the tattle reflex tallies
fishing tusks forward talkers

in gale episodes
a turn-on pollution

draws roadside strumpets
nonstop returns parted the shard
hatpin stops platform devils

four-poster nirvana torrent twined epilogue layouts

The Table Running

a billiard reformer
palpitates in the tolerance desert
recalls similar shortfalls

doubters impaired
password sealant at the exit
churning simulacra

bandwidth lifers
drooled workbench patois
the surfeit axiom

blown dry at daylight
frenetic replication the caption
fizzlers enhance

distemper shrines
acrimonious tacticians emanate
an empty perimeter

tuning clocks
to a hemispherical ablative
confusing repair

collaborators
where backlash conditioner
grabbers tread readily

only to recede
near the lavender outposts
looming afterthought

After the Gaming

the golf ball
thrills the aloe slice return

a lowered mendacity
churning the chess pawn
pitted against a pharaoh

burns the pit
before the meat can heat there

on to the last after the last

to score
the tabulation
for a blown
amenity

medium redundant
as recoil its mirroring
red amenities in black

moves to the mower
gone the way of the cutting

no edge
to cliff

for the notes unstudied in the deal

Pawn at the Game

its empty will
ghosting a parka catalogue
reaches
a weary linear

the finite construct
scrapes a frenetic crescent

pressed pulp fretting
sealant prefaces binary fossil

()

metropolitan disquisition robes
the bleached mentor encouraged
in dens
he admonished
tortilla gardener

discursive	deluges
where sheriffs preface	gloried
ream lapse	sycophants

harbor the autumn bushel

()

documentary where
a valet drove a sentenced turnip
to the crunch

above the nadir

vacant mentor altered
covens raw with thorax
 controversy

a palpable leisure semantic

()

hollow-legged sextons
 own the sheriffs

rouge crucifix tortilla
the stepladder assessor

(magnetic misdemeanours in lofts)

arbitrary departing encouraged
a ravine

delivering
 a rook

with lookup left for filler

Manning the Meet Markets

a playbill gravedigger
tilted no topaz deference
to horsewomen
of easy bards

duplex trespass thrills
stripped trinket alternatives
drove the likeness

to liniment
again

omissions morphing handicaps
with dim heartthrob cloudbursts

*

if the encasements
breathe contingency breastbones
the resinous auctioneer

possesses his working drone
a warhead with its end clash

preserved

blathering

junky topaz
state softwares
savory carthorse
a chortling rhetorician

(flub gigs assessed)

*

gin activists
approved miscarriages
and
heavy drifting

spinning
a second unscrupulous prophecy

rendered chaos casual
a masterpiece botched

checkout wipers
its liniment adrift
in the rapt craws

more thumbscrew

simplification

than accrual thongs

Voyage in Port

the maple's belfry clatter
intimates tower radicals
invade the lattice terrain
before dawning presence
claims vertigo as detritus
flanged to shatter echoes
cast against wind blowers
for reverberation legends
in search of urban status
a sap runs barking down
the one-way data tracker
liminal pentagram chorus
batters their staples back
to the geometry of ballad
posing stencil rain piano
densely rutting fabric suite
running language tongues
against the export treaties
enamored to flavor death
with pencil form a rudder
clings to the starboard life
in port where the shore
meets a coastal deadline
stammer none can follow
a rambling monte rumble
applied to moral tactical
protection themes played
where meat propellers left
the key tumbler in a lock
bouncing the trampoline
fast beyond its definition
to protest all the incidents

weaving sprocket domain
where a shortage persists
past its declaimer emporia
ultimate karaoke surfeits
hammer response teams
to ladle their surface bent
upon eclipse as phrasing
the afterthought omission
toward pastoral avoidance
as its latent proclamation
claims indentured freedom
a cast of monocle servers
concrete bottoms left to dry

Dropping the Ball

1.

a pelota
simulacrum for raffle
or rescue

included venom throttles

toned scraping
exploded uses

sycophantic
as the empty grip

baring shaken
before their metaphor blazer

a retrofit lunatic
steaming a fetal caddy rim
forking tunnels

alongside usage latrines

where distention refusals
prolonged postponing belligerents

dispose
thermal cacophony
educate
natal gaffe dragons

to their vocation

2.

before encrypted withdrawals
ferment the dubious underlings
their ballad affiliates will breed

forever

express bristles
barter the groping circuit

grimly

dissimilar to a wilding rant
the expectorant a missing

deuce voice
borne recumbent

to a confrontation statesman

3.

the nautical scaffold
turns finished landscape
firing

generation textile crises
before experienced play

pelota comes
horned in caramel

umber broaches
a scripted eventuality

puddle hippies
cow the slipping pineal
at will

weakened entity feels the hollow

tinted around
its invective mirage

missing suffer throttles
in the simulacrum cushion loop
no raffle no rescue

face

the collective punctuality

of tomorrow

Filling The Swamp

their filibuster sex torrent
preceded worms pouring
nomenclature swamp meal
a pudding eroded past tenure
lasting grime trundles roll
a gristle fillet of urban crime
suburban legends and rural goals
curdled pit milk in a viper's den
toked against their backing
no squat move there unintended
consequence rupture delivered
spoon ladles past a branded lapel
whose furied strife felt justified
in the moment intense affliction
snared a reifying current left
where a text flare warranted
the segmented skies glare
a subgum density face attack
no mindracing hassles to haunt
the panopticon vector circle
a vapid renewal dulling fangware
industries that feel their dull bite
shake the feel of its slow flow
a storage warrant served cold
no new vivisection left unfurled
their lung winds lusting for the next

Clouding Over

portabello gravid suite
no cloud above purveying

ligature embrace
not a clamp left to follow

a land where vestibules matter
no pizza deadbeat cramps the hand
slice that bites it
over beyond the

aching solenoids

a displaced remembrance
mushrooming vegetation transfers
in cold lotto
sequence the crust
odds
favor
odder

conundrum faucet cuticles
correcting a lower nimbus
its gravity expansion myth

a weighted downturn preys
the hand low before raising

a cumulus lid
to survey the ray above its shadow

The Price for Paying

the primordial martyr
coiled for another ramrod tab
a peddler
in oblong tricolors

(seekers refute a storied lost register)

relishes lending a baffling
falsehood churned verbatim supplication

wet metaphor gleaming
past a simulacra bristle

appealed
the hardened remake

redeeming

banquet

reflexes

(a lost register refutes the storied seekers)

the metaphor for all receding
pantomime vents decimated

pharmacology weekend
pomegranates intervene

baffling reciprocity headstones

follow-on stamping
utopia bile adapter

gladiatorial packers seeding repartee

a radar bachelor
testimonial cans

the currency careening past revenge

Spice Attack

atomic vindaloo
the pierce from aroma's edge

filming along
mendicant haze shedding
its work phase

no velcro stammer imbued

a pocket spice
downstream invective
the sullen return

a verbiage worm
yearning ambivalence

ahead of face mention

venom angle a bandit away

ballistic seagulls
an empty varnish tray venting
corner packets

a turmeric fossil
coriander drape
midnight curries

a scented vessel worth assuaging

To Hell and Backing

the mean examiner
his notary a residual to close

confused migraine persuasion

broadcasting

the next one
encouraging
post-thermal

endeavor mausoleum

spectrum money
to upset a thoughtful commode

*

emerging stock
a velcro camel's thrash

low payback
visitation

postponing a form of standard

umber thrust mattress
bartered its northward
clatter a bursary ramp

into moonbeam schism

*

samaritans dial habitats
always a where to boomerang

their eyed descent
stopped the docket
din of dispensation

prefacing each brimstone

Write your own lyrics

dollar tone filters reprieve
passing rubber collisions
measured and padlocked

the doldrum
forsaken as empty light
darkening epithet

winds to the left
dumpster visionaries eat
modicum filters

doorbells remain a bare looming

transmission haunt
whirling against a vernacular test
the wig suck of shrill beer

test serpents
haunt a downside bare
vernacular heading

downhill to undulate the comeback

Girl Talk, Outing Night

mischief work
every leg slow to turn

milkmaid isotope manipulated
topcoat flagon crystallized personage

“rephrase the simulacrum,”

a dimmer encroachment

palpitating

debauch

from
horned bandana
to
wellington unfolding
a theremini loin
in reefer

a crippling montuna
settles the vaunted window-dressers
firestorm
filament low

when launderettes
isolate in a wilding retreat
upland

hard prefabs glisten contrarily

motorcyclist suburb
killed wife's shed to
roomful metropolist

a warp, sheath comma the tip

Solo Camaraderie

delirium as its sub-glottal potentate
portends the viper's grim ascent
through hitching catacomb securities
no crack too small to writhe though
and deliver the fangs of awareness
when throttled gorges prove munificent
beyond spectral revolution pudding
clarified as butter in a milkstorm fog
attenuated leaflet foliage autumnal
in the nominative plural of its craggiest
rocks turn to pilfer sonata seepage
derelicts at roadside fumigation stands
their twisted enmity a baleful glance
turned hay under the reaper's path
no delaying the transformation deluge
or beluga dreams shelled a casing
the weeping carnage left bedeviled
circuits to enter the contrary demotic
for emblematic weeping as muttered
under the swelling casement seal
humidity posing under its strong suit
veiled the kelp fractures a wall away
from the shore-worn port of entity
where no shopping intruders allow
an affair among ruins to fester long
in the aftermath treaty of harelips
gone hunting tainted vesicle rumors
that launched the greater velvet trial
verbose as its aged seekers claim
re-presents the pastime glory back
from the day it never happened
that way no respite from the nattering

stored for playing poker-faced stud
drawn with a half-stacked deck in hand
or clip as chosen or preferred to ride
shotgun as a native pellet sunning
chronic pellet arrears as bullets
when the hedges slow their lyric
trudge against the beveled wind
revised under begrudging trials
that later falsified their intrusion
proclamations about irrational
pudding lepers seek hands out
to the presently stretched as limits
will go farther when never tested
the clipper's glide an afterthought
pledged as a blind sequel dotage
offered androgynous surface dwellers
a handout where the tunnel meets
excessive heat residual mouthwash
in a darkened preference setting
sea mambo escalades to banish
all nocturnal menu supplements
rutting with a renewed disposal
dial all the chattering party callers
to burst their lineage circuitry
before the next apartment drone
defrays the cost of empty protocol
wipers left their unseemly surging
under a cry for curious drivels claims
renewed evocative misunderstanding
in cults that waver by definition
for shark indulgence pamphlets
gone the way of dividend rehearsals
whisper their sloppy matrix buttons
hammer the new rehearsal fabric
smithing the iron to its dungeon core
while dissidents stammer vacation

breezes residential duct wipes home
to pass the vantage past fried nights
to comb a vestige over its last run
hiding old futures in the gene cleft
trying new gospels though fruition
seeds shed old bones with tuna
scenes weathering the clipboard
sergeants circling the motor pool
to view the diorama speaking true
tire legends when they brag of rubber
from solitary recreation days in port

Hand Out

an organized inception reel
casts feelers on leader sinkers out
to reach

close
hand

a table leaner squinting eyes
or dealing oddly-numbered decks
no vexation too pure

to polish

dice shaking a slithering luck gaze
before the roll strikes a green carom
back to wildcat

striking a semblance
best unknown to entries
by the film of shadowed face

quicken assemblies
wheeling out the gusto ferret

snake eyes rumble rattle roll
double the hand's end on the luck
passed

to lose
the feel

as chucking caroms toll the clatter

a whisper
hung above
a shaking head

Survivalists in Consort

tuner classicists grumble
faded ratepayers encased latrines
before flamenco moochers

buttonhole questioners forever

a natal catalogue
a midpoint torpor
a stolen vantage

wirelesses ordinance slipping

grimly-scented
profiteer latrines

debate the well-bent
aspirant gone to glower

before visionary redundancy

*

while the divinity pathfinder
pencilled setbacks to renunciation
encampment moochers

the fretting pineal
coverage disjunction
blowlamp
reversing where errata flumes

stolen buttonholes

alongside

mileage particles

their sulfur revivalist
wound a nominal mileage dimmer
cultural brights glinting

a slow-motivation tread

Dumbing Down the Music

neon dilemma fusion, madrigal attached

corrugate umbrella fixtures
tightened in the rain

afflicted stonewall casters
try to trade hostage memoirs
for catapult denominations

an exchange diffuse beyond pleasure

*

latter implications
disdain / its lowest rendering
blackens the animus

trajectory bent to refuse intention

pleasure defined:
an act of malice toward one
as the line waits

behind a future of past intentions

*

confusion persists
down the thread of elongation
its lasting pursuit

dimension, measured as vocal effusion

Pacing the Break

tuning heartbreak
lacing maneuvers tipple
slow

let steaming vary

the flume

forking liquid rupture
to the nominal torpor
brings vacant rivulets

palpitating displacement

while a lingering boater
chases lightning hurtling
under a linear buzzard

a whiz ripper
factotum in slow user gnaw
protruding

a gondola nipple

the lodges of the far scream

slotted racetracks
and dried vultures

a near-plaid transaction
for dissolute monograph

displacement speeds charted

Snake Oil Enforcers

legacy doctors
interrogate every mamba wrapper
labor no return

buttress knots missing gluten

wrapper heading
crosses murals at the pablum bar
no fortitude express

hooting a salami fortress

better left
for saying rather than
turn right

under the riot of interrogation

Radiant Division

a marginal tangent breaker
allowed corneal paragraph cossacks
to flay marginal butter markings
designed as stark miracles

that replayed
chromatic mattresses: mere clockwork
fit to be timed
where their energy buffets

meridians rule,
endless consumption blocks
cinder-tinted concrete lotion
bowed politely

an old-timer turned sideways
pursuing a literal vision of transcendence
where reaches displace the land
lost to hurricane wrenches

the virtue dies
in roadhouse fillers
an adventure

to serve

unverified truth swill
to resident conjunction serpents
revising laws

where placid

articles
pragmatic
as the tints
of grammar

tilted
toward windfall memories
ring

the insurgent vitriol readings
filtered presentiment visions
through costly
biochemically bred versions
that shred
their vented logic's merits

while in motion
sounding sure
to be
the sensible entry

the vitriol sweep
shakes the will to climb
manners weigh

propositions

turned distantly

in

or

out

of

for

if envy ever meant

to deaden recipes
before detritus cluttered
 their tray
to nuance headings

a homily climax deferred
a repressive relay venture grown
split or sliding

 matters

 exchange crudities
 cross a wind
 blown westerly

 while tricks in trailers

wailed another practical delay
collecting stark revenge
on errant dry cleaner declaimers

wreaking
 revenge
 as necessity

 before its early tabloids aroused
missed wishes over the fishing hole
 where grasping nuclear cargo clings

 to every last shred of its half-life

Entropic Pricing in Practice

rogue swarm precipitates broker
a decimal speed at caddy forking
isolate repentance sheets ache
the tongue warming a loan shark
simulacrum heat among predicated
nostril sessions left to blow vantage
when currency learns debacle heat
every worn frenzy taking miles
to learn or shade degrees of umbrage
breaking under low heat ailment
corsage as their mellifluous flume
keening rental display in burial
intrepid lecture facets grim relation
while bellicose emporiums bare deluxe
lumens to shatter the aching dead
knightly legends in revival camp
icon-glazed locus wires tripping
vision glasses too frenetic a tune
slipping passage the midnight fire
elicits a shade of formal torpor
disposed through an orderly madrigal
imposed soot on the impounded
wherever vesicles haunt the lining
no hybrid detergent dares edify
forklift seductions iron only the grate
achieve well-bent scenario clutter
along the cliff walks of their mind
shifting a fallacious palisade rift
from darkened frenzy to faded gray
the call berating the testament
that will last while forever altered
covens witness a convenient mirage

contrarily despite the statement
delivering umber-toned commas
readily before the stoking inquisitor
bearing the grimace fork
raw-handed cleats a venture
worth the sentient homily
no binding assigned while
paper cache words can bluster
warmly-illustrated wilding tokens
to bounce a known renunciation
down the waking stagger path
while cross as a fence time bucket
derailed by fetal station brick
postponing its infinite definition
no sequel left to follow dawn
gripping their vaunted icicle
lacing habits trenchant rates
meant the torrent waddled
to the latest defecation meter
to search the last wallow left
hogs before pork barrels belted
forking tunes in precipice salons
remedial animus induction scored
hatchet swallows delegating
the corset overreach to climb
latter bells that rung in tumid
tempo the latter long encased
in shrug dimension passing
realms that roar their past concern
dogged as the face of the choir
gargoyles easing down to match
before the sulfur compounded
historic dissuasions after current
collections forbid the confused
a barking rotisserie infusion
whose coercion cost them

decimally manipulated assimilation
when the park closed at upset
mariposa pending supplement
not included as finery buttons
stolen metaphor enamel ringlet
cuspidor fixation panels past
therapy rotor encouraged brief
camel questions low disrepair
whereas cargo necessities forego
somnolent disorder vipers on wood
eponym arbiters able to venom
regardless the type of replica
sold emerging vocal hints dryly
snatching the boiled detention
portage authority sudden misuse
caught scraping new lint barrages
from monetary subterranean haunts
left ghosting a wet fedora dream
no linear dialectic inserted fragment
or section departing the mentor
alongside a harbor dock obligato
purse snatched in rummage savory
as pencilled revenge incursions
split the seam where the bend lies
about reversing a shaded contour
beveled to rise above the given
hint of whitewash filament glinting
steel-eyed quandary buttons
bereft a lapel for hatching the glow
left to suffer slowly while the heat
drifted a simmer wing across the stare
unfolding the slip to a new montage
brickading the focal resuscitator
driven to invoking natal plumage
seating required thickets in advance
or cargo receipts drifting ashore

no matter the tinted mark it receives
no score too low to disqualify morbid
curiosities among a killed-cat ratio
glimpsing a rare discursive break
when sidelines boost a green to-do
listing toward a leftward blank
dividend a mustard sealant boom
vocal as a breaking denunciation
fabric rehearsal nadir bleached
recumbent where the locks will fail
the quizzical remembrance tasted
with pale paragon ale moochers
fretting in pineal sheds dispensing
an impatience physically blocked
and numbered outplay vergers
who reach their peaks around
corners sly as the game horned
its gloried top a bare nonchalance
with steaming vigor discharging
its drift below their going rate

Rupture of the Deep

spleen vein scatters
understanding at the seawater

torn against birthplace
entertainment shoplifters gloating
whetted dynamite luster

an entertainment crossfire prospective

posing
strange handouts

to vortical truckloads

documentaries removed foreground mark-ups

antidote next

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mold clarinets leave
dissonance as callus growth
pouncing
drugstore liquid

a beaten stimulus
to organ-grinder festivals

cauldron melody a solar darkening

its clenched vigilance
removed the baste maneuver

to rowboats
tramping across a vortex dragon

the sinking removed
calypso slippage elites lost verve

Under the Weathered

the rain needs certificates
abducting a marginal soufflé
process merchants acquired
a projective conditioner view
that shuttered trough tests
to pace their slow sharking
over clustered frustration
their regions remembered
decorations bare for the rite
fossil taxes renewed raking
over the scrotal oration cloud
a weary gabble once it left
phylum rafters a cartilage city
warring below sweatshirt fringe
benefactors plaster the known
parameters vomit members
shopping becomes undone
for the wetter energy barking
commotion to terminal daylight
a tractor-lined euphoria danger
factored when foundations air
footed barbarity notwithstanding
clamor swim coincidence taunts
lunging turned danger a force
as voltage pits looted their colors
from omelets deleted as savage
the wary pain of practical turmeric
their savage daylight left unfilled
a mudslide flavored the movie

Holed Up and On Course

visual putting waffles
amber reflex conditioners
moribund platelet hints

mantra-colored
comestible dysfunctions groove
pittance to parlance

spectrum:

a dialogue
removed from the festal skillet

a monologue
accrued in disjunctive tense

no latter
apt to recede

the formula adapting its pace

to course
the par feather

Charging the Lead

fever drain

a mentor passage

lost

in fashion pending

a mosquito netting foible

its meltdown tonic healer

a nonesuch pending

opprobrium debate included

rising temps (moderne)

"existential threats" &

the judicial undressing

heat bent iron spear meat

a last passion fending

where blood holes

peer in dread

as the ending style

Keeping Score

a wizard mirror
wherever the milkmaid shortage
attuned it
no seen houses
finite as protest rocks
visions
their disposition
interim outpost fort
delivering pillowcase pregnancies

()

life garlands
forking heartfelt pattern glimmers
undone

send in
the circular lineage

so goes reflection's mirror
antipode
or no
summer tint

reversing

()

panacea disrepair
the storied region

tired
thirsty

lacing unhealed conditions

the sperm routes on strike
boast sycophantic aggression

a vineyard axis
discharging past endowment

()

anything
for a sly nominal charge

repair
where honey curls

as ancient as ghosting
each constant upends
runt particles
a wizard grab

scorns their aching grunts

wherever the milkmaids rock

Logging Water

screaming front-door crescendo
bursts lather onto a weathered scene
posed as frontage icon remnant

a feral tint gathered fading sun
vested under serpentine delusion
where no carrion marker left

to measure a pressure bolt
leaving knots to streak wattage
through the darkening hour

diaphanous rendition lifts rehearsal

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a mission tainted from its running
tangent withstanding a digressive
hint that justifies a sense for even

pacing odd as syncopation prodding

forward pulse from hinting cloud
whether the worst remembrance
glints the age of skin in the sun

felt a leather basket heat
accruing the status cling sticking
to oddly-tainted amenities

*

shore founders before water
shed the razored pigment lashing
storage scuttle barges heft

lozenge drifters hoarding more
caroms than offshore canvas rebuttal
intoning the wired surge choir

lifting every vice after the herd

reposes prophetic pampering motion
nicely rendered as a statute left waiting
for their unsigned hemp to dry

Making a Spectacle of Itself

refit volume

the silt groan of rural
under draw

nets bacterium impressionists

liner
depending
nonstop

volume bustles

gulch fodder padlocked
in slotted galleon rivets

for the like
of skillful perjury

a category
to add number

the bongo envoys volley forward

laser catcalls implicit
sideshow impulses tattling
sham

what the feted detractor
fingermarked

for its climbing

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enormous gaffer
foregrounds padlocked

scandalmonger knocking

past an inherent what
organization skillful

hammering
lotto pabulum rivulets
to
raving scatterbrains

(fortune deleted)

each gala turning
embarrassment

to laymen without slow listening

Cuffing Down a Cut

manuscript stompers driven
to shank with no compassion
slice a postcard playhouse

operatives barb the paladin corona

when a past goes boudoir
the gloom-crossed turnouts
loot a testimonial narrative

greenhorns turn mercies aphoristic

isolated hatband colloquia
parked arrowhead premonition
in sorrow centers rooming

wanderers bagged in hammock brutality

notwithstanding a tandoori
sword flavoring its razor slots
a nocturnal tarpaulin pleat

muttered in ceramic incandescence

the seminal tattle devolving
to a fractal visionary structure
loosening to nonchalant

adversity deflecting the emblematic

Telling Truth to Fiction

dockyard motorway dissuasions
threaten derision

available of grappling
patrician plumage
 lingo

in a bloodstream

for rotor swallows

shipping beveled radish
past aching maneuvers

overrides a convenient format

cartons stolen
blown up soot
aching cradles

bedtime catacombs
brink the ravers' fat

bearded seashell enterprise
tabulating sunlight to pull up

their posing taunts
but amenities blockaded
tuning of emeralds

saturation gripping filled a flagrante dulcimer

caddy deacon
numbered the
slotted reprise

reporting umber douses

to the subterranean novelist
in the forward simulacrum patch

grabbing the preventions
to maximum pandemonium

breaker moves

the shroud requiem

to its sympathy

blown below the line's idiosyncrasy

Out of Line

hatbox grasshopper
then in a slow line roams

lashing
feathers
fathoms
a feted lapse

of fortification
as precisely a

rivet addition
implicit hammering

central scanners forward
a laser
of doorstops
pressed

under a lemur grocery
of past feeders in contrast loaves

raucous bouillons
forward inherent bedtime

as garbled bursts knocking their expedient

Trickling Down

parked cortical additives
intervene when unpaid pollutants
cash in
 their stopper floe

its fall
 adjudicating
 adapter diversity

 redeeming
 the cumulonimbus retinue

*

against legion tapestry
the costly appealed their birdsong

its rainy portico
falls
 to
 cliches

a layabout grasped
the implicit contrast

molls clambered the nonstop organization

*

junkie past improves
listening to a low ray

demo breath
live lost and coiled

concealed
a nodal pang barker's
lacquer platelets

shattering the rumor marshes
in specific additives preparing

the weasel reprimand

docked

as slowly terminal cans

Banked Robber

attention's bank shot
caromed off the teller pocket
scratched an itch

before making a vague escape

no questions asked
intestinal fury shaking attentively
at horizon's darkened edge

peripheral visionary
cornered the eyeball shot

inundation a rant of seminal fury

squirting mightily
crusting a green prairie unit
with tantric tenacity

tentacles saved
the many others

from taking their cues home

A Presence Making Known

irregular step
feints as the storehouse elastic

able aggression
drumsticks dissolve
advantage fighter trickles

a winning tethered
to a nomad ripped
posturing removed

a rudiment renewing
lost attainments born

against testicle dividers
a storage pill chafing newspapermen
the storied original between hands

removed

their balding morale
bouncing shirtfronts on the gate
latent pepper
ripped to jostles

a statesman rephrased
his hallucinogenic parka simulacrum

its testimony chimed
the lurking heckler's shaded blast
through precision shams
scripted in debut

Dreaming the Heat to Wake

fire scent season
evokes thrills of first breath

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exaltation software escalates
the armada's drift to recollection

memory stars a lost compass

*

wander lines parse love
a lark of shuddered longing
yet the season sings mad

music birdsong light
and squawk a morning dial
turning oak louder

their words attempt to wake

*

fibrous necessity ripens
a scent no rarity usurps
wandering spirits heard

a season grown random
left its dreaming essence

*

flattering music
pleases a broiled desire tray

mad
with naked platitudes

*

dreams ascend
as minute-hand smoke

a blank page
exhales narrative defection

The End of an Erratum

neutron tonnage raw
ecumenical confederates distended
surly impediments

shoring banana routes

the wager maintained
a storied region tense

subtitles in fury
a vector legend

on a paradigm faucet

soccer moms court as green
mirror tint insurrection stolen
from the kleptocratic memoir

upended dimension puppies
barking ancient patio visions
of clawed interiors unhealed

expressing their heartfelt emptiness

the glucose theremin
weight grunts each pitch
of it glides low slides

past
the weighted half-life incumbent

seen
upended

aging the tonal vision
the last coral outpost

where rocks
would roll
but never die

Reflecting on the Future's Past

gone brassiere
riffing the last pavilion

its controller
grounded sky in enzyme flourish
the nonchalance legation

knows (brink included)
effects protruding
unstocked congress
the isolate
gravestone

iconic supplication

()

alien schemata
possible monetary detonator

lighthouse resolution
the noisy panorama appetizer
delivering
commotion retching

before a protruding schoolhouse breath

tensing decorator pabulum
to right blockaded preface

full or fruitless

()

shrapnel bough
keeps many bursters bent
past an idling verb

a lowered patois

good vowel	alongside
workhorses	songbirds

screaming, bitten

“a verbal pandemic with an ovoid specular”

slowly

turned

encyclical

Questing for The Next

1.

visionary school
even legion where its dinner covers
 blocked natal
 fretting

a caddy turned stationer
unimaginable for marrow creditors

 natal scathe
 firebreak distention
 fetal vendors

assigned precision cheer
reversing hospital fitness

 a remittance dimwit

 grows derailed

a confrontation wink to lobotomy

 boiled linear
 for a venom prophet luncheon

 curries brickading
 eyelid crosswinds

 dispose blowtorch pork
 metronome brimstones

2.

a landlubber blocked Elvis
the confrontation encased a lesser scorn
bearded and slow

flyby ledger brim
a divine retrofit cruel

jumpsuit tourniquet

a pinched yelp

bearded and slow
junior chopper cataclysm
spectral headgear

first breakdown scent vodka
inebriate repentance a rarity

(night vesicles one viewer away)

longitudinal vicissitude mantra

leaning forward in four gears
annual harbinger spring outcome
as cunning as a metier shift

night rung numbered right

below finery
rawhide portage follows woodland
outplay
jumpsuit parlance

3.

hydrogen daze
intrepid scorer

pressed
leftward

finery curtain finished

discharging precision cruelty

somnolent vigilante campaign
minefield celebrity

forever high

formula cleats
play vigilantes

roadhouse north

barking security to brims
beveled while a sculptor

drenched toward dimmer gravel

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