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God Machine in Blue

The translation "Almighty" is error
in error the wrong word gets used here
Almighty is just way off

color like sufi color like light
in muraqaba saalaa flicker like lighter
fluid in color plastic flint switches

I dream Akkadian sometimes
And in I have wings and I highly
texture too my beard that is that longs

like lion feet too plus wings
I am the gate prowling sphinxotaur
et plus with sharp sharp teeeeth

talk dentition here
God of the open waste
God of an high mountain

we are desert people
nomads whisper 99
whisper the Ishma'elites where drownt Levites sing

hallah sing Eyeh El Shaddai
transliterated telegraphed on third
rail live wire postage

I am he who is
what of the open waste
Adonai of the throwaway.

The Liar Paradox

part one

01. even dogs want things.
02. "philosophy ought to be written only as
03. this is not a list
04. [scene missing]
05. the emotional attachment of others to still more other
06. a storm drain installed in place of the rib cage, mid torso
07. a form of poetry." ~Wittgenstein
08. The hollow middle of the sun is.
09. cats don't.
10. what makes it here in what this box of cuttings is.
11. this is a photograph of him
12. why are dogs wants?
13. list like ships in autumn leaf torn sails
14. leading questions like dogs' leads.
15. i still remember long division, no remainders
16. dogs' leads or cat collars if of each disjunction what follows
17. to prime the pump then & spit gasoline.
18. peel the backing off a mirror & it's only
19. She sees everything & sees that it is good.

20. still wants something else.

21. what then?

22. even dogs want things.

part two

23. some ferns are good for soothing nettle burns

05. we kept them body cold in the fast run water.

28. even dogs

10. blades of grass to wreck lawns mower.

38. & here we are in tourniquets.

11. the image of the virgin mary in grilled bread & spit

49. an image of her behind the water face.

13. even dogs want things

62. hate is an ugly thing.

08. This sentence has no truth-value.

70. watch the picnic tables watch the trees.

07. If a chessman could talk.

77. [scene missing]

14. lead pipe lay down & take

96. here to find god in the margins

15. commit these to ground us ground our

part three

23. how far from how far left to rub in white man?

24. behind doors somewhere in

25. on tabula rasa like tonsures & black beetles

26. "midnight to six man"

27. "all night drug prowling wolf."

28. sometimes want things.

29. misogyny as a defense against

30. closed doors somewhere conceal in America

31. better to eat blotter & lose competence

32. lose competence to care for

33. defense against closed doors

34. awful things are right now behind closed doors happen

35. happen now right behind to someone you will someday

36. this has happened before.

37. she fucks like the undersides of freeways.

38. & live under their freeways in tents.

39. echo hollow like black rubber bands hum against the concrete

40. this is to fuck her there

41. competent to care for oneself wipe one's own ass brush one's teeth pour one's own eye
openers at 5:30 am competent to

42. this is to take her back with black rubber

43. now fern eyed & foam on the creek still

44. even dogs want things.

part four

61. In the morning, I will tattoo your face on my face in the mirror.
62. we are in made to wear ready wear suits of Maori skin I will see him with
63. there are on truth tables still traces
64. & left we have pencil shavings & that
65. in everyday things like this watch, & a coin, three paperclips, fourteen
66. there were fingernail clippings in the ashtray as you drank soup from the mug
66. fourteen magpies' feathers tied with thread & pinned to a wall
67. I want to say "le corbeau" & also the thread color but I don't like the rhyme.
68. back to back the words that sound like themselves & in
69. fourteen red wrapped rook feathers, learned to rhyme from French
70. trace truth value tables in the tree's bark & traces teeth brood
71. still & quiet in deep rivers just beneath where cold
72. volcanic ash in clouds like bellows
73. dog want of things what?
74. hum & hollow in water drips under overpasses
75. where it runs & carry on in parliament
76. pencil shavings smell sweet like cedar
77. take a picture so we'll have one
78. a rook is a carrion bird red wrapped in cedar smells
79. "don't slouch!" now towards
80. & here are some things else
81. here are arrays & there are also

82. like streets in rain, dogs want & want
83. the smell of underneath smells washed
84. & streets that run rain with washed away
85. under the run off is her tongue in my
86. under the run off is to hold
87. quiet behind close doors to hold
88. the overflow valve in place of organs
89. too much water too
90. so eat communion eat
91. slouchers & hiss in crow holy nights full
92. with dogs with rook feathers red shred
93. fourteen what in empty pages
94. even gods want things
95. marginalia in a book by wittgenstein
96. marginalia in a book by gertrude stein
97. investigate these tenses here of this
98. & miss me under when it is cold at rain where
99. even dogs want things