

BlazeVOX 11

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Another Reason

melt our ears in soil
dephonate the jangle--

even the birds

the hermit perhaps rhythms
that idiot chorus

but we
the cacophonae

we realized
through broken
cogitations

whited noise is not White Noise

we know neon pulse

--give Us the penultimate
click
the ultimate
crack!

the Static
of casual departure

Massive Trauma

dully rooted
it fails
its phenomena

(viz the brain and its florals
sequestered in the bulb)

terminal bloom rather
unfolding
in modern time
uniting
blood soil memory

momentary
and self-consuming

I Dreamt the Invalid Dream Again

Meat
on the fork
Man
in the gut

Cancer
likewise
never not Man

(thing subsumes things)

Meat	{water protein	lipid}
Man	{blood meat	cancer}
Us	{Me You	the Invalid}

the scalpal
etcetera

The Exquisite Loop

paused before a staircase
crossing a street
smoking alone
frozen

the idle Moment
the exquisite Loop

muzzle
flesh
lever
slug
plume

repeat
repeat
dissolve

An Interpolation

on a rock
an old woman smoking

remembering
when the third drag
clenched--

orange plastic vial
unsteady hand

but conviction

conviction

old tv fuzz

(oh
how the years
dissolve)

a pale crescendo

the East River
slackens