

Memory After Memory

सब्वे सत्ता सुखि होन्तु

Sun, I want to say, *run*:

The L-train, blunt & silver, accelerates for
'Kimball' through a stoned & starless

Chicago night, through the quiet autumnal
Rain, the slick bitumen bleeding stoplights,

My arms, my legs, my dumb tongue--

The boned world agape & gluttonous
Like ripped blue jeans, tumescent cock--

Here still the unplucked eyes that
Watched, and the numbth of the missing

Man, a pissing Pan, though you don't know it yet--
May never in this life of loose leaves

Recover the body

Of the voidman--
Who, like a cruel interstellar owl, softly

Enters the flash-frozen forest of Home
Unlocked--Who looks blankly into you

Like unstrange angel, before passing
On, while you scream & scream

Like a dirty little howler, a small man
Curled up in a dollhouse, a once-warm monkey

With two hands instead of six--

Button up your blouse
Clean yourself up--

No one else will,
Least of all the little boy--

Polite, silent, redsoiled & rent

Go about your vacuuming
Like a ruth housewife

In a nest of twigs & stones
Accepting, if not delighting, in ruthless

Fact: Something will always be missing.

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Bow down at the wounded
Mound of the mind. Enter it.

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Be the green, luminous eyes.

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Be soft waking & the hard slap. Be the strawberry
& the rattlesnake. Be the cup & the ocean, the lips
& the moon, hive & the honey, the dish & the spoon.

Be the bell & the briar, the bridge & the tree, the
veil & the vine, the clay & the call, the ship & the
waterfall, koru & crucifix, the bilum & the weird, orca &
crayon, butter & glee, cuscus & loon, elephant & tea.

Be the cliff & the cave, taro & pig, the jungle &
jaguar, tundra & tabernacle, time & the face & the whale
& the *umwelt*, bruise & the boot, bath & the blood, caul
& the cauldron, ladle & mare, cay & the manta ray, dragonfly
& unguent, sand & the cape, the didgeridoo, the lance, the
womb & the brook. Be human & dingo, chameleon & ocelot,
the kingfisher & flamingo, the giraffe, a possum, fox, wasp,
curlew, frog, tapir, echidna, scorpion, clownfish & carpet
shark, serpent & *Melomys*, tiger & rat, irukandji & polyp,
aardvark, zebra, echinoderm, cockatoo, octopus, anti-lion,
tree kangaroo, silkworm & iguana, eel & mantis, the mosquito
& the tesseract*, the velociraptor & the tomb. Be the Sepik
& the Amazon, atlas brown & butterfly blue, the mutes of the
cluster, the Ark & the Covenant, Sahara & Arctic, red ochre,
sunflower yellow, lotus pink, emerald green, turquoise,
ultraviolet, newt, cyclone & cenote, black matter & the grey,
kraken & cloak, leviathan & mote, plunder & wonder, fork &
the sheet, the rack & the sack, the ice & the peat, the Sun
& the lice & her nine daughters, cool hyperobject & polar
talisman, the whiteout, the blackout, the fluke, the whole
wailing & keeling of the Universe--and proud Astronautica.

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*Can't you hear it? Don't you *fear* it?*

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micethechaff&thescroll&theshittheash&thesmokepalimpsest&pope
pukpuk&singsingbirdinthecagelobster&tapedeepinthedarktheskin
&therape.)

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Mother: I saw.

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Ampersand & Anaphora, Ellipsis, Homophone &
Metamorphosis, Blazing Logos & Syntax (recursed):

*Undo diabolical distance, the resistance
In this catastrophic access, this concatenating catabolic
Noosphere of Home.*

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Over-written, determinate, I am the machine god. WARLOCK.

EGO. SUPER EGO.

Unexcavated, I am berserk. Preverbal, inexhaustible. RAGE.



BABBLE. Stop. The machine is coming. I see

What I came here to see. Change, change, change,
change. Greenlight. Home again. And then, on Sunday, packed
with explosives and parts, I put my arms around you,
realise...

I'm vulnerable, charged.

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(Unfurl. Six arms.
Orchid. Quasar.

Sound out the kundu drum
and the garamut.

Pull the pin.

"Mahalora. Countdown for event horizon in 5..."

My mouth is open! The fire is lit!

I'm going now, Mum

for the s t a r s . . .



Smashed. Sick in the head. Unhinged.

Meiosis. Metastasis. Daisy-cutter. Fused. Full
of seed & the magma. Tea ceremony. Breath, breath, breathe.
Terror. Night vision. The room spinning. *Mummy mummy mummy.*

((((((THE DRONE))))))

Gargantuan. Arachnid. Holocene. Diatomic. Phosphorescent.

Silence, lucid

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rice paddies drink

the sky