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The Air

Curlers forced their songs on my childhood head
There are space museum facts all around you
Behind a cold front is cold and dry air
The air conditioner is making a funny noise
The engineer's personality toolbox
forces portals into academies
There are five geniuses in Farmingdale
A growing cumulous cloud is moving, a thick defiance
Jump on an inflatable trampoline
Oscillate like the king of air
We are nomads under a navigator's stars
There are lyrics and chords in my fingers
Give the Night Venus trophy to the Everest Band
The sacs in my lungs are called alveoli
The air that enters the body
moves at the same velocity of an unladen swallow
The breath is a piston-equipped yacht, full of portage and zoo



The Being

Trailers of nothing in 1983

Boeing aircrafts stream in plank time finale

Bigdic(k)tionary.com

Dashboard dining room

Eve bedding in the Bing fields

The ghostship challenge, girl and always

We are a party of humanity, integration

Please sign the Bring Back James Bond Bill

I kidnapped your knowing

your negative big noise

your Africa pink light, your existence

phantom pictures, your quiet

your Bling Waycross

The Bering Strait separates our two continents

You are my bang predictor

my undetermined narcissist, my yolk

Hotdog, there are weird quotes that hover around that married Scorpio man

When $x =$ suffering

Created significance, you are your own general contractor

What are the hours of operation again in this poem, this zoo?



The Book

is a summary of thieves
a depository of amulets, an imperial affliction
She called it an anthem bindery
Her boundaries blink
Call the giver to Niagara Falls
a divergent enthusiast
Frindle, fish, flipped
There's a small fault in our stars
where there's a grove filled with goldfinches
that burst into glass
Heaven is as real as Stuyvestant Plaza
Use a hatchet to make some holes in it and see if this is true
It's perfectly normal. I'll love you forever
if I stay insurgent
Killing Jesus on the Kira Kira timeline
Lady larder in milkweed movement
This Dunkirk nook is not my child
Place a broken arrow in someone's driveway
There will be resurrection bells
Turbocharged tumbleweeds unwind their rising actions
A vocabulary of whispers, mysteries, dictatorship
Your church doesn't want you to read
You can't lie to me
You'll be younger next year under a yellow star



The Day

was a movie that could really happen
She was a summary of pills
before she came to rest
The exact day Christ died is classified
The day described in Act III is rainy
the one Einstein feared most, its disco
when fingerpickers took over the world
and God took your poem home
Sing a cantata of crowns and horoscopes
Heaven cried
when a boa named JFK ate the laundry
Khrushchev panicked when Kansas became a state
and her ass went psycho
Pigs die like wet newspapers
What is the basic meaning of jackals vs. falcons?
It was a day in quotes
when Wyoming almost lost all of its Detroit
Recklessly, we met on a frozen pond and held our breath
This is a keepsake karaoke



The Dream

is in the center, at the speedway of history
Picasso begins
arrested in his pros and cons
Let's cry together at a church in Atlanta
where the downtown is a dictionary of duffle bags
We are the daughters of discography in this dirt track
Equestrian engines in falsetto
Who will be your golf course girlfriend in 2017?
Give, in summary
Let's sing some meatpucker hater songs
in a hotel in downtown Miami
Sometimes we're alive and filled with movies
Let's spend a real weekend in Cincinnati, in Santa Cruz
Will you make a juniper's promise to me?
Morpheus keeper, kill the lights
download some lovmoney
I will wrestle a machine
I will take the mining company quiz
Each of us will be the other's net worth
The common language of Gerontius is alive in Portland
in red chambers
Purple kiss me into unknown songs
Unfold me
Wake me
We sweat in syndicates, in team systems
Xtreme Elk Grove car racing
Your body, your Yamaha, your girl
Redeem and zip this sharebeast



The Earth

A flat machine and its peoples
A composter of the lord's diet and fullness
A bazaarbox
A chronicle of crust and mantle and core
cooked from the screaming diet cookbook
The earth emits a terrestrial radiation
A dragon awakes
to the exploding elements in teen personality
his girth itself against all motion
girdled in vintage books
We are a groan scripture that orbits the sun
You have swallowed all my sheet music
Your radius listens for meteor impacts
You hum in b flat, but you've been cooling your avatars
We lose energy to space only at night
Foldable layers of flowers laugh hottest to coolest
Other big round things
never say things to the sun
This is a poem on its full textual axis
Preludes in plate tectonics, our platelets
She rejects him, rotating counterclockwise, then clockwise
We will be destroyed by fire without art
weighing the same as the color blue vs. orange
We have been abandoned in a manga sanctuary



The Glacier

Maybe the hockey gods' ice arenas swept over North America
and then aviation angled among the azaleas
At the Willem De Kooning B&B
banks logged on
canyons filled with cedar
This poem is the definition of accumulation
the dental drilling for diesel
This is an express crystal (meth) train to Germany
This is a soundtrack for foxes
a freeze pack on DVD
fish facts
a gazette for a north pole series
This poem is your guest house
The hills have formed their own credit union
a grand junction of rinks
Maybe we'll have a jazz stampede
in kitchen faucets, their lagoons, their whistling
There are mystery pearls in this boy's story
There will be mud masks, melting and mummies
on the National Park scavenger hunt webcam
I'd like to earn a diploma at your outdoor tax center
My pockets are filled with quarters and their errors
as I travel on safari to optimum.net
Snowtubing riffs, rifts
The stone comic stops here at this trailhead
Under water, under canvas
I'd like to view your meadows
What are the locations of your water machines?
This poem is a zone of accumulation
zip codes and zip lines, zip lies, red roan, zero water



The Ground

at the foot of the cross is level
always wins
The combat vehicles of fashion week
with their ground effects body kits
He was wrong to see his shadow
grooming that arena
Lava, Calvary, Jamaican ginger
your luminous isolator
your neutral hookup electrical
Open up and swallow these images
You can't unswallow them
The plug broke off
quiver
rattlers banded with electrons
The ground state configuration of fluorine is?
The ground state configuration of tungsten is?
The tissue in a leaf turns crimson
Half Moon Bay unpacks
its emergencies in waves
X-ray machine, yellow jackets
You touch it in front of the computer
Ground yourself before touching the computer
You are now standing in your own beef
Zero sycamores
Zero mosques
Zero flags



The Lake

At night, the stars are in their apartments
Canyons are places to drive
Entire districts full of doctors
There was a massacre on the radio
I am on fire and calling my insurance company
Orion reviews all the dead languages on his belt
I have dreams in dismal swamps, rhyme schemes
in placid Kalispell, the Hotel Beijing
in jasmine, in Yellowstone
in the Zephyr Hills



The Lightning

Thieves filled their pockets with movies
There are adding machines to total the sun
There are adapters, dreamers, extenders, graders, launchers
and a box of Zeus bugs
Cream is permanent after use
I noticed the extension cables of your eyebrows
Fill your eyes with honey until they go blonde
Fields flash through this poem, an aesthetic of worn fingers
I am a fast sketch artist
Fill me up with lemon and bleach like a crossword puzzle
A yellow forked summary illuminates
your eyes like a 90s song
What is this jack casserole? This guitar heaven?
Coloring pages, push cars, power wheels
Oilfield babies on ice, knives at the lowest price
These seeds will show me what to do
In a snow patrol download
you are black haired in a dark room, in a Nashua of stained wood
I will chronicle my whelks, my blitzkriegs, these wallpapers
+ xtreme cheer and fang and hope
In all this baking soda, this peroxide
there will be yachts filled with eyelashes
zones of protected calculation



The Living

Language is an actively international
aquarium, an air purifier
When you are not at home
the Barbies work hard on their balance sheets
To paraphrase, the Church of God is the only printable cookbook
Desert daylights, desert wild lights, palm tree TV shows, Christmas lights
What are your answers to this singular environment?
Can Lynn Behrendt make a single fabric of the world?
A "Brooklyn gallery" comes before "gun"
which comes after "god"
which comes after a "garden"
which comes before "Great Lakes"
This poem is a human document
before it is a headless chicken
before it is a human curiosity sideshow
in infinite review
Her Ken doll is in the kitchen farm and dairy
writing a memoir of a mummy and the moon
He said, "Wear this Youtube nativity New Deal necklace
I made it just for you"
The ocean is filled with textbooks, oracles
The organisms in
this secret world, this habitat, this proof institute, this shark tank
are called what?
Maybe force-love-way-pledge-plate-tribunal-treasure-furnace or seed-soil-essay-
poster
The universe and its unicorn circus
A vocabulary of comfort:
this zig zag



The Memory

Bees foam in their palaces
in their archival hotels
Found in an old wallet:
silence. Violets.

A beach can be rewritten
Doctor Clermont cannot be found
We lounge in a boutique of effects
She wears an elephant hair necklace and
we wonder the running time of this episode
What is the hidden function of sleep, beyond event and fact?
How exactly to garden a novel?
Impairment screens an institute of cruel water
She lingers in her loss tapes, this Mayday parade
this Motel of Miracles, this fail nest
I will read this string aloud to you
Both thief AND theory
Any memorized transaction is invalid
The inserted you is damaged



The Moon

Tallahassee embraces the sun tonight
hugs the distant tides in Antarctica
A yew tree hung with stars, sixpence, nightspirits, Gurdjieff
Hold this poem out in front of you
Does it block the sun
from reaching the earth?
A daughter does not rotate
around a distant earth
Emily Dickinson:
her face a flip book
or a festival?
The moon god of Arabia goes through phases
gives off his own light
in the form of 70s Philadelphia gangs
Do you have an opening?
Are you hollow?
History has no atmosphere
in the Hotel Brussels
Her down is blue and invisible to observers
She is not visible except for her shadows
and their summary
her jellyfish and their keen ropey tarot
Was his love landing a hoax?
Most likely formed
out of Nags Head now full
Alligators might orbit the earth
out of their waters
The July 31st, 1976 of my life:
its palaces, pictures, phases

songs played in order
A reversal represents my heart
and its ponyphonic sheet music
The surface seems to change
and shines down with its symbolism
The moon underwater stains a road in Tampa
The moon tattles our valleys
Gold-chinned warriors, their wallpapers yellowed
“Yes” shall be my home



The Mountain

is an architecture of bluebirds
their dew songs dyed and printed
on her Echo Express
Frost fireworks
Goats this year
Goats, but no children
Did Jesus die on the Sun River?
Telluride's lions
and their transfiguration mysteries quail-ing
the release date of your shadows
Draw me a killing horoscope
Make it also about an expedition
Tell me about:
the behavior of zebras
their personalities
their diets



The Night

and its circus movies
When the angel trilogy trembled
and eternal audiobooks rose from their graves
Even the oceans floated face up
The heron has a thousand eyes
I followed a dog
A man called out
from his Jack Daniels nightjar
A listener kissed me in his kitchen bakery
while a hotel burned down
Those movies never sleep
I hunted rabbits in fields of broken glass
There were prowlers, 1974 car stuff
I tried on the queen's blue velvet dress
A shifting joy began with the night watchman
Never murder a love story
Keep vigil



The Ocean

Please fill out this oceannaire
At the end of the lane
there was an abyss around her
Ultramarine backtracks over its salt
its dunes and discography
She was an explorer at the edge of this poem's resort
The ocean floor is spreading due to facts, fairy games
God's hotel is also God's garbage patch habitat
The ocean is in danger because
my potion is also information
I'd like to put a "to buy" sticker
on this shallow blank land
I look at my hands, this isle of palms
their maps of jewels, from Cannon Beach to New Smyrna
Secret manga originate from my shoulders
Pelagial stories downloaded from his oceanique sayings
Reef radio station signals, trenches surround her
What are the stars' screensavers?
Is the University of China really under California?
What is the view from Danang?
Wave anime from Jacques Cousteau in 1973
The popularity of these zones



The Planets

place themselves in order from the sun
like a composer's crossworded song
Does an odyssey dwarf mythology
in moon facts?
Bibles come in many sizes
Holst between us as a texture, as a small lyric-ed crumb in the sheets
The constellations are a classical graffiti
accompanied by coloring pages
What is Dava Sobel's precise distance from the sun at this moment?
Diagrams don't exist for this, this documentary in its episodes
this spinning gibbous vocabulary, interactive
How many clarinet notes can you play between here and the sun?
Gas giants line up to receive their nicknames
An orchestra of order and its program notes
Temperature rings on terra firma
Let's make an underwater ballet of the universe under attack for YouTube
The Venus zombies are visible tonight
Significant seasons are named after you
and they won't let you sleep
The Planet X catastrophe is approaching
It's up to you to pick up the symbol of Mercury
and keep it in your pocket



The Pomegranate

A seed analysis

A symbol of the big crowd and animal speed
in Aspen calories

Where does this fruit come from?

This gestation period, edible in dream meaning

What family of instruments, what juice, what grey lands
inform this biblical history?

The fabric of classifications and lifespans

What is your preferred last name?

There are martinis to be served in Troutville

There are pagan phones

Salmon talk quietly in the waters of narrative myth

What is the weight of a wing span? That arc-ed air underneath

Scientific names create

a room for exactly how broad



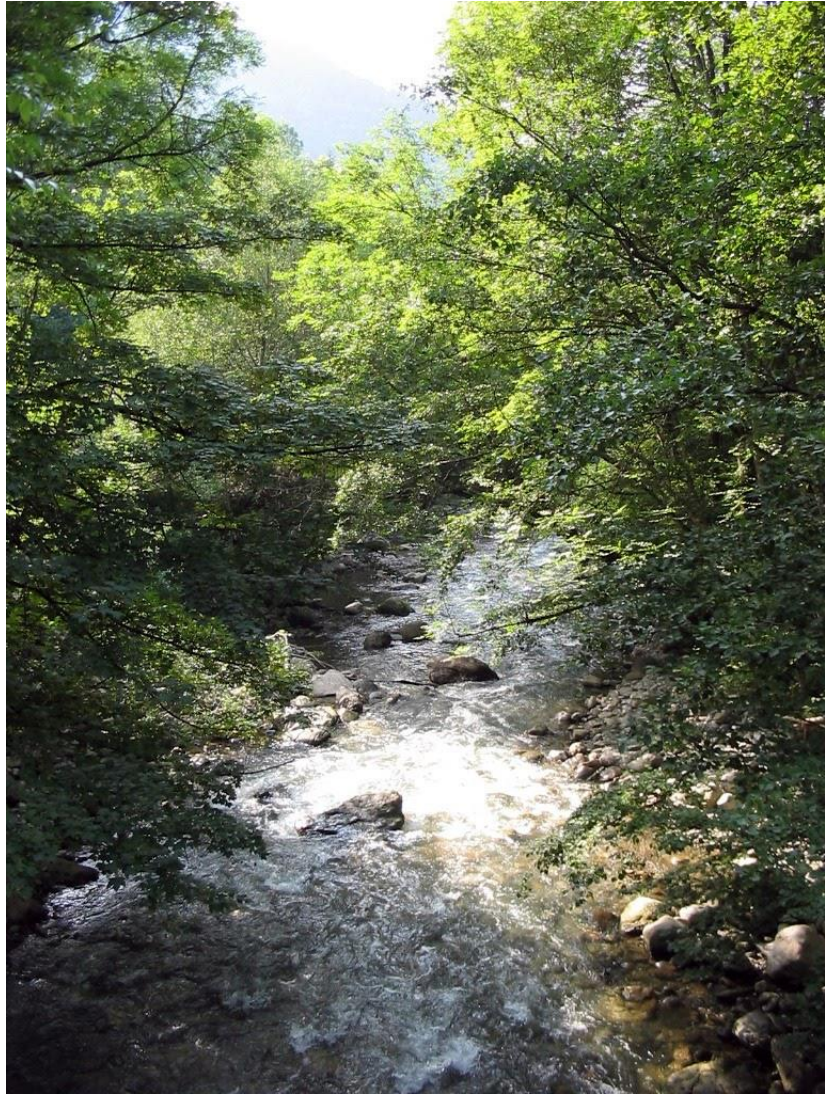
The Pond

Ice arenas filled with guys
It's not exactly Summerville on the Ponderosa Ranch
An elephant head hangs on the wall
I want to take you to the cabin at Chagrin Falls
to Ancramdale
Pond digger or pond life doctor?
On Estate Point Lookout, there's an ecosystem gizmo event
while the Fishkill armada makes itself out of gnomes and their guardians
Let's jump out of a small boat at high speed
into kamloops of kermitplasmic kindergartens
We are in Latrobe, Nappanee
We skate in a village of discount codes
There's a pavilion of plant shaped girls
There's something funny in the waters
in your theories about management
Pond guard heron or cat scare-er?
With UV lights and uptown normal:
enzymes + barley



The River

is a mirage of casinos, highways
Turn on Radio Albany
and listen to your chapters, your Euphrates, your end time
There is free piano sheet music in your pantries
wide palms, jeweled suites, these dragons
lofts of tobacco, movies
There will be no return to doubt
I am the Queen of Braille in poker rooms
Who is the Springsteen of Greek mythology?
Salon, Styx, Thames, their showtimes
Urgently Upstate
and ankle deep in the gauntlets of wild locations
just try to schedule the Yangtze



The Sea

Its cakes put me at ease
Beyond painting
a sea creature changed into Hemingway
There are obituaries in these echoes
Myrtle devils a Panama City beach
Empress oil explorer robot, egg lyrics
The sea floor is constantly shrinking
I will be a seahorse hunter
of reductions
an awakening island experiment
This movie is full and boiling hot
with Nantucket helicopters
A lamprey can best be described as a grapevine
near our mammal alphabets
Sea nymph shipwreck treasure print or
nettle nymph
The earth floats on a sea of troll energy
Monsters summarize Galilee
There was a prince, a fire child, a pig
Postmodern poets continue
to populate Greek mythology
with their sea quotes, their sea queens
Sea spirits kill devil hills
Shells, urchin embryos
Jack London will eventually claim everything



The Sky

scraped of
its boys and girls
The final fantasy of astronomy software
There is mud below the surface of this documentary
Crawlers, innocent aces unlocked
Elvis puts his enzymes on parade
or Weegee in the Hotel Aspen
The lanterns in
his Carolina blues move sideways
Needles next door
red poppies, Ocala
My hands proclaim their work
in sky quartz, quality meters, sky quakes
How should this poem unfold:
in prepared sentences?
in unwashed summary?
There are arias in this villa
Yellow and blue ships polluted with light
A professional torrent of light
You decide



The Soul

exists as the free audio book of a new machine
Or the spirit travels a maze to Aristotle in seraphim rose
Six brothers were birds
The Cartel Band chooses a new society
What exactly dies when the body dies?
Existence was first explained in Saginaw
In the back of the garage: giants and generals
These bandaged moments, dyed thoughts
Junkies ascend from their bleached bodies
A man has been canceled
A nebula so far away there is no picture
We are continually reborn as lyric
It's Octopus vs. Man Under Socialism
in apostolate quickquarian revival
There are seekers and stirrers
The soul Scotch tapes itself to analysis
Suddenly, the number 11 becomes important
and there will be songs of exotic vaccination
or a 1986 film script telling us about the Solzhenitsyn of Vietnam



The Stars

My destination is striped
in sheet music forevers
against a confederate flag on Ebay
Her fists are bound with clocks
Come out, go down, go blue
The stars are on a diet of the blackest tears
David Bowie, his glory, playfully eats moonlight
Existence soars
before it sleeps peacefully
before phrases align
in a Hollywood of meaning
in hair studios, in Aruba
There's a scorpion in her heart
It ties things together like Orion
Just blink for us, Jukebox Ghost
Call my name as if I was on the Kansas City Chiefs
The dust looks down, leans in to kiss you
It's 1939
We're in Mayalsia
The Big Dipper was last seen over Nags Head
a land of frozen faith
Beatlemania or our Lady of Guadalupe?
Poems are printable activities
He was a star quality grinder made of celestial glitter
His past was real
He wore bright clothing at night
The moon was in Florence laughing over Sam's dice
Appraise Vija Celmins like a virus in the Vista Mall
What we see is already dead
We'll fall and lead ourselves out of the riddle
Falling is remembering



The Stone

Ponyroses in the foxhouse
An angel can be broken into what three parts?
There were men frozen into ice in many early cultures
We spend our days trying to balance on pillows
while the K Street coyotes circle in Kennett Square
There will be dispensary dolls of brutal sisters
while experts edition Chula Vista into foxflower
The gods are rolled out of the way
Jesus wore his jewelers loop in the jazz clubs of his day
but now junkies in Jasper watch Korean movies
in mirror lounges in Istanbul
No soul is unturned in this new neuroscience
Unction, oven, anointing
The possession of Seychelles
like a cocktail in quarry quarter skyrim
Even in Conshohockon
the builder refused meaning
Vigil loot table, virgins walk through a tourist camp
What stones does the Buddha require?
Parts breakdown
There will be sheep hunting in Visalia



The Sun

Its sparknotes rise
as a class of stars bombards the earth with light
with burnt livestock, bears
There's a song about coming up and going down
These dreams are available on YouTube
The sun embraces the moon with its intense radiation
Its worksheet answers
explode like fun facts
Her horoscope was classified
Images are a galaxy
a mass of incandescent gas
Information in a relative way
primarily invented
The hottest star in the universe
is not visible
to the moon
The sun just had a bad day
and wrote its own obituary
London loved the moon so much
advertised this in its mystic climatic newspaper
Baltimore was only ever made of paper
Let's produce energy by converting
corporations to images
rubber dolls of the 1950s to sentinals
science to soap
telegrams to tarot
The meaning of Myrtle Beach
was reversed
into vitamin D
into Johnny Cash and astronomy



The Swan

lives in a house that is also a full-length movie
AND a dolphin hotel
There will be Sotheby's jackal reviews + before and after extreme makeover
photos
Park next to this cello drive-in resort
both online and episodic
Teach me some easy piano saint chords for free
Let's drink a flask of solo guitar, a baritone horn, a carnival of animals
while Grace Kelly gondolas and orlandos into a dwelling of frozen fruit salads
There's a hotel in Port Townsend
where even the evening is instrumental
Sabercat obituaries, the blanks filled with
Lake Suite, Scene 1 meanings
Mechanical nebula nailsalon
Grand Mesa foxes in Tuonela
Putlocker Princess and a quartet of singers
It's Rilke vs. Roald Dahl in silver tones
Actually, there IS swan underwear
that must be worn for this viola duet
Where are they now with their two necks?
In swanky reason and complaint
Yeats lives in a walk-in closet in Bowie, TX
Modes and abodes of white peacocks
with their zombiemaps



The Tree

must be refreshed
its movies explained, amplified
The reeds underneath, like different buddhas from Beijing
This is a climber's companion to artificial Christmas trees
Redwoods are experts in avoiding disease
This frog band, this hugger store
The Moorish flag, known by its fruit
If Godot was the bible's avatar
then Pocahontas cured a man
Jesus died at the Mandarin Steakhouse
Jesus died on a zipline
The kissed know things
plant things in water
play quilted mahogany in tap tones
Bleeding activities hold up her skies
her unforgiveable geometries
Calculate the value of that viper
Roots whisper, their xylem and phloem
You can drive through California
You can drive through the yellow parts in Palo Verde
through the zip codes, those zipper zones
of North America



The Water

This cycle of songs might project
an alarm of angels
an activity in white, broken
agency and power behind a dam
Sing the water buffalo song backwards
If Atlantic City was diagrammed by Monet
The diviner on my fridge doesn't work
dispenser, front, center
the water god's altar dragon's dogma
or a horse legend filled with a deep, full movie
Megashare with me
a wide sheet music, initiatives, your margins
Jar Boy
In ladies, lilies, lyrics, lily pond, liars
there is a TV series showing
against the soft edges in your molecules
the mirrors in your apartments
Are there are nymphs on other planets?
Destination: Oasis Newburgh
and the odyssey and madness in the world's biggest goldfish
Let me be your Purr Company, Inc.
The pressure of shelter goes up and down
Shedsongs, narrow bridge depth
the vascular systems of echinoderms
I drink from your Twitter whispers
your water wheels of Nala Dum
Xylophone xmas tree monsters -
how does THAT work?



The Wind

His wings were made of barley and willows
Hers were made of windows and soldiers
Your face a sermon of reeds
There are scripted lions here
Umbrellas dance in their unpackable documentaries
This is a FM drive through different nowheres
A cello that is also a fish
There are gods on public television
and the wind blows through their gaps
Horse and harp both watch
This soundtrack is without shadows
I was knocked out of you
You kneaded my grasses, and knocked my corn down
The wind kissed pictures of knots in whispers
The amnesia in nursery rhymes
Paradox, system, the speed of water spouts
through a keyhole
A tired man
and the space between his chapters, birds
these Yellow Springs spiritualaires

