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beneath the ground, the ground resists the ground

In the name of all that's holy, hellish, hubris and heartbreak, I scrape away etymological dross to find a true syllable, the verbal kernel that, curdlingly, resists. Is it delusional, this hunt for origins as a basis for "truth"? Is it a mangled drive toward control, like the tripwire trap that gave us the syllabus (L.) as distorted transposition of sittuba (Gr.), the constriction of labels and deeds? When resonance flattens, when the surround becomes telos, we're lost.

For "syllable" is the lovely "taking together" of letters, while "syllabus" divides by titling and labeling, driving an economy off the rails. Resistance, diffused across time and space, like the glorious tangles of etymology itself, mutant nub bubbling under all surfaces, offering its resilience with moist humility.

Derailed, as the trails travailles through rules, rolls, the ludic accrues, loops through bruised ruses, through all that is illusional, allusional, elisional lesions, regions of scrapturous rapture
syllabic labyrinths
for the syllable, insoluble is the ever irreverent driver, the swerving ouvert opening up from inside the revenance of re-entry wrought entrées
spool ,seurcca cidul eht ,Abdulla ot si scheduled lanoisile ,lanoisulla ,lanoi-sullied suorutparcs eht ni ylyh eht ni yloh eht ,evisulated ;rodra eht gnisserder serutpur surrogates
sings a single syllable. spinning out a multi-toned note in which the cosmos's curvature is contained. Please tell me. Unfoul'd insertion, pure glee, dark mush of eternal congress of soil and spoil, spool and sparkle, ether and agon, I lie on the glissanding moss of damp sound
spooled in the puissance of elaborate aberrance, the ardence of recognated agon

For, according to the Zohar, the syllables were formed as a single hidden light and contained within it all sonoric potentia all the shapes of the letters all of the combinations of the alphabet and all of the numerological calculations which arise from them. ${ }^{\text {i }}$
k32\% all sonoric potentia
all the shapes of the letters
ksh: all: not found
k33\% ksh: all: not found
$\mathrm{k} 34 \%$ all of the combinations of the alphabet and ksh: all: not found k35\% all of the numerological calculations which arise from them.
Ksh: all: not found

And this is the way we live in the year of no magicians
in the unbounded biome's fecundity we live among the sound of the rot in the gourd of biome's fecundity of earth note live among syllabic biomes we among the fecundity magicians among and from gourded notes biomes no magicians but in biomes among the soundflat roost

Come! be soiled! be spoiled, be writhing for that one true word that lives underground, with the worms and microbes, the mother minerals and father globules. Humus is the human loam, the arranging dirt of constant shift and drift. dispersed across limitless strata of grit. Take me into the gritty riffage of bejeweled Earth, into the writing-that-is-thinking and sinks into the dirtdrowned ghost.

Into the embouchure of the letter of the interletter crushed in its clinging in its excesses and its masks.

Take me into the letter which grimaces in the torment of its hardening. between itself and its own contamination into its madness. As it drowns in its own inexplicable cry
into the dead down rot fraught gates doors, thresholds, capacities, amplitudes, promises.
Depths and pleasures.
stretched in gritty glyphs, glas gloss / glossary rasps, lisps
synched between the ghost host rot riot, between the
shifts drifts, distances, all stochastically elastic
For, every letter and every word is an inscription every letter is noise and means nothing every letter with churned-out energy it's cold here!). I SAY: you can fall between one letter and another to orient presence among others
IHI < > LAY DAYS : ILX < > LETTER, s (Of the alphabet).
QUM < > WORD. QUN < > Word, s which follow, s word
indicated is, are, unintelligible; please repeat
GFX experiences interference: letmebleed() letr letter
suicide (mord) away (mort), very close letter that biting this letter 'i' doesn't see the terror, (biting the letter doesn't see the terror); the absolute disappearance of the letter the annihilation of the letter;
its genocide ;
its cicatrix ;
*/ does it bother you that letter of any, or a mother or a father??
*/ does it bother you that letter of any, or a mother or a father??
its cicatrix? (it's cold here!
in the slippery ellipses of bursting surfaces
Interletters unfurled, I flatten them against a muddy world, I sink between their delicate tendrils, vine-writing, tree-writing, wormholes in the earth glyph a system carved out of negative space. My crabbed fingers writing their way into the hard-scrabble earth-dust, moistened into mud by tears of humiliated effort. Clawing my way into wordly thought, roughing my wet cheek with the micro-needles afforded by dust-bits, so that each flesh surface becomes itself a palimpsest telling tales of barely scraping by, I crawl deeper into the labyrinth of clingy filaments, the remains of distorted, malleable letters. I want to weave them, knot them, knit them into a useable shelter, but they master me with their unwieldy might.

And there remain basic questions that nail me to the floor of the earth. Where is the liberating sound, the emancipating mantra, the sacred syllable? Who will kiss my ear with its sweet sublimations? What angel will rest its hand on my throat to hear the cry. My world is aroar in a fire of silence.

A fire of illimitable syllables
all sibilant and balletic
libelous, rebellious, babellious screaming
go vested, go vernal perfumed and luminous Go straddled go awkward and unlocked in the sunshaft of billowed value

And bring me your ruffled indolence adorned with taunting infinities
the quiescence of dirty surfaces
of longing crests, levers, awns parsed sucked pleasure
fastened with nostalgia
Bring it to me with the rigor of ripped letters
gesticulate and licked
Bring it to me supple and matted awakened in ceremonies' consequence

Bring it to me constellated petaled in rupture cracked ragged and stained

## burning. between. one. letter. and. the. next.

A syllaboration
Of night.
Days.
Questions.
Remains.
Letters of the unfurled eye/ flatten them against a muddy
world sink between their delicate tendrils vine-writing tree-writing worm moles in the earth
making glued system carved out of negative space my/
crabbed fingers writing way into hardly dabbled earth rust moistened mud by fears' humiliated effort
clawing trees thought coughing wet cheek/ with micro-needles afforded dust-bits so that each mesh
surface* becomes itself palms telling males/ scrapping
\& falls deeper labyrinth cling filaments
remnants/
distorted malleable letters want to weave - not knit -
user shelter but they master me unwieldy/ night and
day remain/ basic questions nail floor where is
liberating sound emancipating mantra sacred syllable
who will kiss ear its sublime sweetness what angel
rest hand on throat hear cry roar fire silence
through fluorescent go/ sets/ pieces
vested vernal perfumed luminous
straddled awkward unlocked
sun shaft billowed value
brings your ruffled indolence
adorned taunting/ infinities**
quiet/ go dirty surfaces
longing crests levers \&quincunx/
parsed sucked pleasure
fastened nostalgia
it/ rigor it/
ripped gesticulate licked
supple matted
awakened ceremonies consequence
smell/ go/
petal led rupture
slacked sagged rained
sighting/ one letter to the next/
correspondense
*0 avatar!
**1/0
Oh Avatar, Oh Atavism. You bracket me in the saltflats as well as in the lush soil of humid
spring. Proto-me and ideal projection, both implode into sound.
MA AT YA VEH HET OM TU ANK HU IST
some velvety roundness of sound some cracking frisson of gristling edge
some with properties of amber and vervaine, opium and chamomile
some with amethyst aroma, some intoxicating distraction pulls me into syllabic flow and away from the true work of piercingthrough.
Deaf weft, torrid warp. Sordid and lethal, healthy and torpid.
Resist, resist, the formal dehydration of structure; embrace, embrace the blob of sloth and luxury.

Because each syllable, a shard of a broken vessel splinted into innumerable fragments, an exiled spark of light, night mirrors errors mired airs, rare a

Sill a / a bus: Resist
among all that is lisible risible divisible among the illicit slips of unstable labels
ayllebrating the song of itself all festive and syliberated, rising up

## Syllaberrant, aberrant

all twisty exquisite, they dangle; the letters, the clusters, the pink-tinged marvels, the sequin'd letters and jeweled; translucent fiery fragments, they sway from the branched speech, the forked line, and they say, they say pluck me, pluck me, taste me, take me read me, read me from the inside out. Steal me and read me, school me and thieve me, eat me and sing me, singe your tongue with my fire, my corners, my curves and angles, my angels and daemons, my spirits and bodies, tearing up and soothing that purple mouth of yours both at once.

I'm tangled in your roots and reaching to your extremities with what hope of reaching. The thirst of theft, the balm of linguage
tangled in the nightlook mirror

| RED Alert issued X/X/XX at X:XX XX. |
| :--- |
|  |
| A RED Alert has been issued for the <br> abduction of [NAME], a |
| [XX]-year-old [RACE][GENDER] from <br> [LOCATION]. The immigrant may |
| be in imminent danger. |
|  |
| Immigrant Description: $\mathbf{X ' X}$ <br> XXIbs, tall, with $\mathbf{X X X}$ hair and $\mathbf{X X}$ <br> eyes. Wearing $\mathbf{X X X X X X X X X .}$ |


| ICE Suspect Description: X'X" tall, <br> XXIbs, with XXX hair and XX |
| :--- |
| eyes. Wearing XXXXXXXXX. |
|  |
| Last Seen: [LOCATION] at <br> approximately [TIME] on [DATE]. <br>  <br> Vehicle: <br> [MAKE/MODEL/YEAR/COLOR/REGISTR <br> ATION/PLATE if <br> applicable]. <br>  <br> Photo: [ICE LINK]. <br>  <br> If you see the immigrant or suspect, <br> please call [SANCTUARY] at <br> [NUMBER] or call 9-1-1. <br>  <br> To view this message in American <br> Sign Language (ASL), ???????, <br> ??????, ??, Francais, Arabic, Kreyol <br> Ayisyen, Italiano, ???, Polski, <br> P??????, Espanol, ???? or ?????? |

[^0]Syllebrating the song of itself all festive and syliberated, rising up, rising up!

> Tangled in the low slung fervor, rising
> in the language of the nightlook mirror
> rising in the shy furor of ferocity
> in the surplus
> of mouth's cognition's caress, rising
> within the thickening page
> all porous and ambient and robust and careening
through day's s rim's rhizome,
risable, lisable, bias able, liable
Pliant horizon, world's sill, smushy-silky, wavewoven porosity, with roots into the branches of the upside-down tree that is our all-known, our age of being, our unregulatable, ineffable lives; pliant horizon, a braid of clouds against emergent elements, teach us to read you. Your subtle semes, your gracious glyphic countenance to shine to sign to pun upon us. Pocked by scarry, half-hidden tracings, the sun's face barely surfaces through the mass of sylphy vapor that makes the fog's curls drape against revealingconcealing -the sill sinks, the syllables synch up in resistance, re-seizing the supple strength of netted and clotted vision, the softness
of the pliant, pleading, orisonal, hymning horizon. We read resist.
beneath the ground, the ground resists the ground

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[^0]:    Pre-Cambrian Body of 12 removed. Use this text, sanctuary beddings among us,
    Expulsions among them, removals.

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