

loose density everywhere

so slow

l'esque-argot
write-speak
lingo at
a snail's pace

aim

arriving at parties
I make straight
for the back door
to slip away instantly
through the garden
over the fence
into the alley
off and away
unseen into
the night hopefully

the un-species

if we're an us-species
as our ologists suggest
tho' yet to be confirmed
might we be allowed
to protect ourselves
from a protected species
say a naturally demented
reeves pheasant going

straight for our eyes
 probably not thanks
 to the vigilance
 of our rural policemen
 we think they're wonderful
 they say we're
 the no-species
 the afterword
 of everything
 though likely
 that's debatable

holding back

did you pop the question
 sadly no
 it burst
 just before
 I could grasp
 its imprecations

ditched

peering over the rim
 of the foss bottom
 we watched the peace
 take shape
 blow by blow

inspiry

all air for us
 is just
 potential breath
 some of which
 will be

the death of us
 though
 we never know
 which some
 of which

melodic

all buzzing aside
 did you ever hear
 a fly singing
 listen very carefully
 it's especially good on
 'the thrill is gone'

sonic patronymic

ohhhh son
 desperately
 we wanted to spell
 xavier with a z
 but no
 said the guardians
 of the estate
 you must use
 an ecks
 we tried holding
 out for a ks
 but lacking all
 bargaining power
 other than our
 fragmenting voice
 had to settle
 for an ex
 didn't we
 exaveeay?

why there rather than here

place word over place
 to distance-divide by itself
 gap will intervene
 to ensure split-and-drop
 without remainders
 bar the field
 it will be seen
 as above board
 approaching by any route
 without let or hindrance
 falling into place
 follows instantly
 is there toll ration
 of failure there

lax laws prevail
 what moves gives
 stress earns challenge
 it lists whim-like
 celebrants are marshalled

little is known
 seams pleat here
 to harness waves
 profusion drives through
 keep me informed
 something pummles

row after row

in a word drowning
 an own inner-word-row
 can act as spur
 to rupture tactics provided
 an even keel is avoided
 if I miss the boat
 will you be there
 to bale me in
 spatial constables go awry
 on late beach trip
 a micro-fiche in place
 to replace our docketing procedures
 at a stroke
 we learn by doing

in the avenues of incessance
 not invented as yet
 though all signs shown
 as at the ready
 strangely enough is
 itself remarkable
 the will-you-won't-you stakes
 having been raised
 above the bar
 it will take
 a stark soothsayer
 to chance her arm
 on this one

reverse syncopation

contingency plans notwithstanding
 reams of purple confetti
 now stream from ledges from lamps
 the season being after all
 almost upon us
 random tar-laying pencilled in
 for late maundy Thursday
 only the fate-amours of sin tacks
 got in the way
 due to low impudence
 they're a-hollerin' and
 a-wallowing down in the glen
 a brittle card-sharp swims
 agog in next to nothing
 up to his eyes in sea
 yet still managing to hide
 the space of aids
 in apertures unbeknownst
 he lips his sis
 with a dot dot dot
 suspending his
 poor runt thesis
 within an inner bracket
 a false top hits it off

with a beached comber
 as the whistler's mater
 became a chrysalis in saline
 at which calm plaints
 were lodged at the lichgates

thanks to the end

though in our outward bound
 we're bereft still
 end believes in us
 has the greatest confidence
 welcomes us back
 settles us in
 tucks us up
 signs seals delivers us
 to our out of bounds
 at last

let 'em in

severally or not at all
 it's a small neat thing to ask
 of them when they come knocking
 invited in they'll perform
 a spread dissolve
 underground floor shows all the rage
 to order courtesy of the random
 slot entry mechanism as per
 divide and rule book
 to wallow in the shallows
 trip and run game plan
 glance over the shoulder
 towering block
 not a leaf too soon
 for autumn and its kind

last will and tester meant

asked for a death wish
 gave you a tart response
 social networking the room
 for tragic convalescence
 helps the sole what's left
 lacking a mid-riff
 just top and tails with
 rhythm accentuated by
 billowing gossip particles
 gray blue downdrift
 skin grafts required following
 safe blotch removal
 time for hysteric quiescence
 past resistance all clear

all cores aside

the vaster the calmer
 underthought by side door
 elements of splitting
 it harpoons a pea
 of thought lonely as
 a coot on a puffy isle
 still if waters stretch
 a horizon makes for perfect
 viewing conditions
 yes but what
 I'll be darned
 are disturbed for the time
 nimble despite winkle-pickers
 pinching at the toes
 there's a dance to be had
 to the left of heaven
 if only if only
 a will a way
 this patched rider
 could a raider be
 beaten to the core of things

by a whisker's whisker
 haggardly askew
 follow the drift dear snow
 not for want of
 marginal return on outlay
 of less than nothing
 you : manger-monger

a fine howdido

if you've a modicum
 put it to a different use
 compensation for been-spilling
 is in the pipe-line
 but not on your life
 let the wood milk
 drain out first
 you sap head
 brashing demands nothing less
 did you rehearse that crash landing
 at world's end
 the land of nod begins
 to welcome you
 it was a moto-guzzi
 carbon-fibre wheels
 spokeless turners
 our specialty - spatial effects
 hoodwinkers beware
 seals of approval no problem
 cut-price mirrors to sire
 tall packets money no object
 alleviates trouble in mind
 in for a penny
 a doctor's on stand-by
 lying on that couch
 behind the damask arras
 in his own waiting room
 left clutching at thin air
 when exactly did you fall for me
 miss puppinox was it that

by my halidom there's not a
 dry eye in the house
 dogs of war and peace
 are unleashed simultaneously
 no contest
 shall we say alright then
 only if things really
 tonight is a semi-permeable membrane
 only a few remain standing
 so let's shake on it
 though if you really believe
 a weaver of kitchens
 works an eight hour day
 loft and grannex all paid up
 no is the place to go
 it's standard practice
 to have it up in lights
 what passes through and away
 delivers the goods
 and aaah here comes the avon lady
 with her basket of willow pegs
 we rest our case m'lud

cinch

clinch dancing imperative
 suction seduction
 hot wacks
 cracks
 up
 ground to a fault

almost hudibrastic

is there a desert in the house
 if so please identify yourself
 it's a tame spa by comparison
 no but you'll find some
 philosophicals in the second drawer down
 behind the malt jar
 everything in its season
 and a reason for every
 homespun and darned phrase
 yes even the migrating chickens
 did you say chick peas honey
 flying south on dull days
 winter sick-westered on
 behalf of a beyond
 just beyond ark hen

no clue

sincere detectives of everywhere
 are not for publication
 in rows of little white shacks
 besieged by tunnel mentality
 stooges fall at the slightest sign
 horsepeople with out-riggers
 pink illimitable skies
 duration dulling response
 elimination by default
 secures a minor victory
 skirmishes on the margin
 fail to disturb

plea

substantial dimensions
 give way
 hands begging for weakness
 stand by

instructive

line along the dotted tear
 open well before shaking
 brown mondays delay sadder tack
 waiting centres are calling
 in a store cool dry place
 at the press of going to time
 this space watch

Inspector Boxall's last case

unusual deaths at the edge
 of the world's history
 drifting seminaries
 unhooded monks at play
 decloistered given leave
 to pray away from home
 at the last this once
 not their own strength knowing

only time will tell

failing to pin down the substance
 a flat in blues
 beaches bruised by whales
 banks of off-sure legacies
 without guarantee
 as to future's performative

melting pots to go
 and win in one
 nostalgia bites
 it takes four strong men
 will we make it to the island
 without the softish machines
 still there's a light swell
 let's breathe in together
 leave a space for it
 continuity of protest
 expiry will surely follow
 take your time
 it's all you've got

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rumours of dust abound
 spread by word of touch
 freer sushi asians probe
 delicacy of whales
 x is a prime number
 to conjure withal
 via measuring alphabet
 poppies pebbles milk
 odd one out
 talk about strengthening
 drifts away through crouch gas
 night's hum stalks

oh just let them get on with it

skull is an endless retaining wall
 wouldn't be seen dead
 diving for cover
 partitions relent at will
 absent friends speak low
 there is a there is
 is there not

will just about do
 in near serene circumstances
 the good thing being
 left to themselves words
 never stand on ceremony

right here

where exactly
 is nothing more
 than here's edge
 elsewhere's
 wry tear
 by proxy

opening salvo

bound to moments of inattention
 couldn't hold a candle to
 due to innate pressures
 mortality switches
 sum of its parts
 useless digressions limit
 the inner-outer effects
 coalescing hulls
 describing halo effects
 shorn of redeeming attributes
 paid in spite of several
 service hatches at the ready
 all too humanoid
 binds of a different cast
 spell it out
 no ill feelings
 are the order

of the rest-room provisions
 telling another tale
 or when interruptions
 free-flowing in their urgency
 yet that thought
 celebratory ribboning to the fore
 saving it for the last lap

intone tonight

instant of riches
 smooth emetic
 patched tassles
 from lines suspended
 all depends on
 tones intoning
 beneath the bar

compassword

a stew in the west
 a thorn from the north
 a seat in the east
 a shout from the south

to build a coning

megoolitic fat rink exception taken
 lungeing to south north simul
 exchange draft draught or worth
 dropping by till heaven scent knocks
 opportune in moment dismissed as as

forward surge till day-break do brake

drastic takes substitute source for it
 if only drive shaft link uncoupled
 could and will withhold further ado
 until supplement apart tracks back
 dismal to find distress distraint allowed

treasure opprobrium waste further stuck
 for freeway approach dust shame lies
 bleeding webs invert heart lined aperture
 spaces acceptance down bleach this side
 most streaks align dusk dawn bending

do belong less in vitro sparks turmoil
 coil web defrayed horizon tic op dawn
 sorely frag point fingered fine chance
 is more heart bare laid to grass undone
 glance shaft recoil though split to bust seem

cancel swell waters dip rise barque sunken
 unto this day letters prey mind ling love our
 grey shore shoes worn to extinct down chasseur way
 canny do year now cert in lieu offertory nil

owt a boyo gravy

aye rowt maye
 'ow to bio-jog' raffish
 towby gown on wit
 it nowt amownt
 tomb hutch
 it nowt gown
 lang ear nuff
