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bewitched by cold water well

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sliding into copious
tongues
devising a straight
circle

weaving a million lips
bending around a
marvel

immune to censure
stretching and
turning to the sky
corporeal praying
obeying voices

shaping of precious
nails
truth around words
capitalism, unlike
Europe
toiling tirelessly
venerating modesty
and celibacy
too difficult for
many in retrospect
testimony of ghosts
seeds for multitudes

arrested, judged,
quickly punished
without prohibition
of generosity
place where light
shines

conscious, logical,
articulate

surrogate parents
inheriting peace
faith tripping the
logical

incarcerated for
sedition
the dead hearing
surrounded by
women and children
laughing up-
roariously
dissecting the hate
sifting away from
the city
efficient washing
without hands

chair perfuming
metaphor
no separation
between species
brave companions
who rescue
principles of lucidity
the tapestry called
destiny
cow pastures into
highways
laws of probity

deep sense of humor
diaries of citizens
round and round
round and round
deceitful rumors of
cannibalism
putting limbs in the
earth
residue of dust
confronting the
stranger ourselves
ruin of discontinuity

moving boulders
with twigs
grief dissipated by
eating with friends
pacifists of war
weird haircuts and
strange mannerisms
drawing incarnate
symbols
greatness achieving
the impossible
beneath no one

everybody thinking
somehow
distilling the essence
warm smile of ripe
melon
sensitive to decep-
tion
allegories of sublime
syllables of iron
confident but not
superior
millennial fever

the holy herm-
aphrodite
oval boxes, slat back
chairs, coffin stoves
notations for the
phantasmal
full of sap
innocent blood
trace of the
traceless
a white picket
fence along a knoll

auspicious living
space
shaking no more
until the next time
searching for the
just
never cutting in two
shift of the
monogamous
herbs for urgent
healing
unfeasible to forget

twelve kinds of
laying eggs
deeper purpose
discovered
humble specks
protesting the unfair
uttering the
unsayable
surrendering to
mystery
lullaby of the lambs
clearly defined goals

suffering built into
the universe
rugged palms eating
delicacies
breaking away from
the normal
devoted to the
beauty
ecstatic help
fooling the false self
the surface
revealing the deep

cutting away the
narrow and quick
avoiding the
tyranny of the un-
affiliated
expanding west to
the mississippi
remarkable debaters
gaining the spirit,
losing the body
separate and united
yearning to forgive

emanating from a
lone individual
difficulty celebrating
only the brain
dancing to escape
hibernation
unifying plot
not by ministry but
by example
flooding thick love
philosophy of
transmigration

fields ablaze with
young wheat
disavowing the
sybarite

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delirium of revo-
lutions

nursing giants

nine believers afloat
at sea

receiving gifts

cavalcade of nimble
feet
unblooded brothers
and sisters
ancient rituals un-
necessary to change
intruders of injustice
shrewd, lucky,
elusive
floating on clouds
propinquity of
recognized family

fantasy submerged
fighting plagues
causing famine
despite food
heroines of grand
narratives
ciphers of the past
marking lacunae of
male only authority
daily magic
a tradition of
martyrdom

grace of informality
singing the
responsive cord
individual signature
losing credit
robust exertion
marrow more
important
the arcane
pastoral conjecture
of ideals
atonement preferred

fruition of the crafty
hand

versus corporate
values of the mass

opposite trend

toward anonymity

idiosyncrasy a

longer interest

subject to wild

passion of the

auction

guided by children

crowded relentlessly
into conformity
riddle of human
volition
no more gigantism,
centralism and the
unequal
a red barn filled
with fresh hay
wrestling against the
look-alike life
tabernacle choir

reborn as a guileless
infant

generations of the
organized
equal, classless,
affluent

virtuosos of the
mechanical
liberating the
feminine from
dissimulation
no fixed boundaries

writing hymns
big berries on the
mulberry tree
never seeking defect
relatives scattered
across the country
interests entirely
internalized
no fighting,
bickering,
quarreling
fulfilled promises

ignored by
american life
mellowing with age
saints on earth
prudence translated
into simile
splintering due to
different readings
issues of sharing the
mutual
braiding the real to
the missing

fellowship of the
loaf effervescent
stripping away
bravado
akin of youth and
the aged
always laws of
reason
instincts of maternal
love
asking deeper
questions

even distribution of
mines
gusto of inspired
bards
networks of people
living together
parable of boon
a large apple orchard
picked in autumn
origin transformed
by internalization
true communists

domestic patterns of
the successful
prophets without
stone tablets
noble sentiments
residence extended
to the uninitiated
inevitable change
covenant upheld
a spider web, a
flower, a bell, a vine,
a tower

canon around a
center
mythic cycle of time
remembering hope
before the cradle
adult feeling like an
adult again
accessioned by new
world vultures
a lake for summer
swimming
punishment for envy

spellbound by
substance
essences in the
wilderness
the meek winning
fighting policies of
rural depopulation
conspiring the soul
and the body to a
virgin spring
between now and
here

inflected with
spiritual dynamism
remembering the
simple stuff
tribes of confidants
remonstrations of
affection
appearing in
starched clothes
handful of heretics
go-betweens of
candor

accepting forbidden
skins
the lineage immortal
ballad of reading,
writing, arithmetic
protected by the
ground
princes and
princesses for a new
crusade
renouncing the
world

transfixed and
adoring frenzy
shipwrecked on a
deserted wasteland
splendor in ordinary
work

accused of running
naked in the woods
voice of the prisoner
surviving the
banishment
incorruptible honor

seraphs dancing on
pins
the hallowed of
everyday life
facing death by
whipping
authors of no
predetermined fate
eventually a
plenitude of victuals
evolving to a higher
level

largest folklore of
music
halo of clarity
quenching thirst
from a nearby creek
quaint cottages
down hidden roads
victory of doves
beset by inventions
joyful hearsay
the sophisticated
often blind

origins of stale crust
other rectangles of
the brain

making the anxiety
sit still

balls of mud into
flesh

epicurean esteem
filial autonomy

shrugging off bale of
adolescence

looking for the echo

thoughtful answers
sweet juice of
sacrifice
universe crowded
with specters
possible eternity of
hatred overcome
the calm, the bold
winds soaked in
luscious melody
the we and them
combined

surviving the story
orbiting around
suns
nuclear clans
disintegrating all
around
the cobblers, the
candlestick makers,
the carvers
proud of the pickle-
packed
building to gather

no need for other's
approval
infinite methods of
redemption
at the mercy of the
soil
the good eye
argument protecting
meaning
advocating the
rights of labor
following the helical

outlasting the
change of god
the actual no longer
a conflict
guides for the
perplexed
not waiting before
consecrating
burning for
confession
keys to heaven
orphans prosperous

purity of honest
innovations
being enlightened
and seeing fairies
twilight falling
courage like the
great white whale
everything an art,
and nothing
unconcerned with
the tumultuous
thousands

dipping hands in
water to make clay
unlike any other
strong as the stars
hankering for
accomplices
a dog leading sheep
challenging the
antiquated ways
everlasting life no
guarantee
passages to union

sacrificing secular
possessions
anti obsession of the
me, myself, i
despair perishing
pointing to the
female in deity
traveling unknown
channels
collapsing the
foolhardy
fresh baked bread

dreams overcoming
beheading and
torture
book of actions
never knowing a
mother nor a father
fresh paint on wood
seeking and finding
vanishing glory and
renewing glamour
wizards of the clean
serving with vigor

by an impoverished,
unlettered, woman
enduring names
behind
pushing threshold of
perceptions
renewed by expecta-
tions of spinning
treasuring the
grand illusions
murmurs of sibling
yearning

forfeiting the dark
capturing the heart
the known, the
knowing, the
knower
animating the still
and the numb
something ahead
leaving no corpus
behind
ameliorating the
straw icon

wandering in search
of the will
the dance and merry
filling the belly with
healthy food
holding fingers of
the meager
the place and the
journey
the whirling power
neither vast, nor
beautiful, but wise

awareness of pain
the bridge to
cognizance
birth and presence,
death and presence
seeing infinity in the
plow
the signs within
turquoise beams,
yellow floors
majestic qualities
evil unnecessary

beginning of
devotion sparking
hearts of granite
louder than thunder
divine pity astute
concentration on a
great personality
garden the proof
assuaging the
factious zealots
irrationalism as one
universe

neutralizing the
earth's gravity
living forever
awake to the interior
song
believers crucified
on trees
retreating from the
chaos and the dark
direct knowledge of
the maze
annihilation of desire

