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maybe in my amygdala maybe a minefield

I think it's Saturn cicadas

the hand-painted  
sign says we can  
control blackberries

moon landing...  
the ninth robin joins  
in D minor

what remains of the fog skeletons



y  
l o  
l f  
e a  
b s  
e h  
h a  
t r  
n k  
i my middle finger

arching rainbow lassoes the hospital

inside a seagull's cry my other life

walking home  
not changing  
from dead cat  
to ripe guava

six  
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cades  
in  
side  
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his  
pri  
mate  
cost  
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me  
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ache

the addict  
bursting open their secrets  
red poppies

her storm cloud blindsided by a daisy wheel

bait & switch the thorns in my mind



sit on a pray mat I found God shivers in the flood

speed of night  
somewhere beyond big bang  
i am a unicorn

permission to print my ears

since the trafficking her imagines herself somewhere else

casting a shadow on  
the ceiling a crane fly  
stuck to the bulb



your corpse dissolving under my tongue

Hazy semiotics:  
Red lipstick  
on red lips.



He knows  
one hundred and one  
industrial sounds

after christ the trackless blue

mute megaphones the red tongue of Kali

periwinkle she adds the ocean to her collection

mother a shell in the hollow of my hand

control no control prophylactic liferaft atoll

gliding over pools  
on the sluice room floor  
a white swab

message



i am just a few vowels

on the backs  
of dinosaurs  
Chevys and Fords

greyish pond  
where the amygdala comes  
to drink

semantics  
crows chase the one who has  
found something

new malls  
new alms

that being said a crow over morning coffee

weeds grow in broken cement   boys afloat





funeral for a suicide  
I skate the razor  
across my face

HE LP  
carved into her thighs  
blood moon

opiates floating no top hat off the streets

cut backs to the wind four sheets in A&E

*(if you are completely drunk 'unconscious' the British say you are 4 sheets to the wind. A&E is the emergency room)*

nine times  
out of ten  
your jacaranda

spiderling rope paths through the lobster pot

hummingbird stops  
at me in a pink tee seeing  
how Bosch saw

round the corner a new asphalt driveway dental scaling day



eulogy jaws of fingers eat their own words

back inside his car the clown removes my flesh

can only draw explosions the command to be

searchlights  
the prison yard scanned  
for viruses

ashasash

F sharp minor  
a slight swelling  
in the wet

swan a noun coined to swim upstream

the meme  
from your photo  
blowfish



our lake every time the edge off a stone

the pallor of this candle pending

gazelle girl  
ten word vocabulary  
let's plan a disaster



# Sequences /

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# 10 COMMANDMENTS

Score and bundle subprime sublime,

Divide by small print side-effects,

Subtract the accruals of disposable attention spans,

Square by regulatory buy-in,

Systemize, Systemize, Systemize.

Add native analytics,

Exponentiate cryptographic protocols,

Multiply by stock options over Alprazolam,

Yotta- it,

Authenticate.

## The Goldilocks Zone

plastic daffodils  
the centerpiece  
of our small talk

more and more  
deadpan  
praying mantis

birdless  
no one to call  
me back to myself

frost  
on the window  
encryption error

The Goldilocks Zone  
no time  
to get comfortable





## chilled walls

first train run the warbler's dwindling diet of ice

round my prayers a skirt of marble veins

into a pink root a hammer on carried walls

knots in my beret to a bagel shop

silent crane on Broadway anguished over bedded stones

a hump colors the homeless man

hard rain trill the deacon's soaked collar

fraying her Chihuahua's eyes purple nails

his blackened lips the flame beggars

# Cloaks

prognosis  
her husband won't meet  
the doctor's eyes

falling  
into silence -  
autumn yellows

home again  
and the static from the news  
pushing away

sprinkler hiss -  
into empty sentences  
the fullness of words

resounding deep within the cat's purr bone cancer

# Supermarket

a topless cage on wheels  
naked bird  
bodies wrapped in plastic

two twelve or thirteen  
year old girls sneak a selfie  
condoms on a shelf

“Spill on aisle four”  
extra extra virgin  
olive oil

canned goods one boy  
repeats every word another  
boy says

“Talks Break Down” a head  
line at the checkout, chicken  
breasts scanned

## Rabia's Hem

does love leave  
the burning path  
ashless

blinded  
to the day's streets  
to night's claims

surrendered  
moments scatter  
night embers

ashes shorn  
what light ignites  
these lungs

none but  
the one whose whisper  
lights the match

o the one  
whose whisper  
quakes



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