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From *PRE-*

mid-

the dialects of midriff of temperate zones deep

where new crust forms a woman's garment that exposes

extended darkness or some part of the body articulated

with the arch of the tongue a deep blackish blue

desire for: INNERMOST: the central vein of a leaf

or some part of the womb midnight horizon

tone change where new crust forms *corpus*

re-

story as a seismograph
free in rhythm and tempo to fly back when released
as a hawk an account
given by a singer in solitary

speaking aloud as a grooved track
magnetization of fine wire to kick back
when fired
or as in solitude a *dialogue*

to move from the last toward the first word
repose

twi-

as a trailing vine with red berries : initiation : anesthesia &
semi-consciousness : as a constellation : as a world lighted
by more strands being twisted : *round and round in the water* :
in which boys rotate lightly idly flutter the eyelids mingle
by interlacing : also : twice-told : sunlight & its airglow
[Rare] : the ends of used rope symbolizing rebirth

twi-

the same plane of atoms that share
the light between
the subdued just after

to weave the yarns without its leaves
without its ribs
born with one other

to produce an intermediate
state of counterpart
or as if by twilight

to play negligently in a necessary
half turn dance
you and me must twine

Archaic: tremulous excitement of a bird; chirping
stipulated meander
subdued with fingers