

# Fall 2017

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[the eyes are wider than the mouth]

but the mouth is the width of a moth standing on a coinpurse because the mouth is angry and is itself pursed and

a breath of greymatter just escaped the brain and went to a party hosted by the great gatsby

(who actually turned out to just be ok

but) had great scarves the color of lemon ice or orange Julius

or a baboon's buttocks

which is so red that it deserves its own color zipcode: IIIIRED

where you will find the anthropologist scratching

his head at the way his hands have become shovels and his legs

become stars

because he has found

the key

to a world

where objects are not quite

what they seem in car mirrors but instead

are smaller

than pins buried in haystacks

where little boy blue

gets higher than a kite on Ambien

#### [stagger into

the horses body]

where god is but a shell swaying on an esophagus of neighing

don't worry no horses were harmed in this poem

only embodied
only recognized as a body
worth being a body
that is not just for the whip
or for labor
but for pleasure
for understanding for spiritual growth
read a fucking handbook whydontchya

and you will understand
that these hooves are made for walking
in that the horses in Connemara are more beautiful
than your stupid soul can ever be because
it is soaked in the dust that god created you from

how did god create the horse from light

from cloth from the sun from clay from NEIGHboring worlds

you know those in which you are an alien and those little green men are just plain people laughing at your stupid looking head and your strange little bodies which can't even break the speed of sweat

#### [wolves wrestling shovels]

from their mouths
moths flustering flickers of dogstooth
jammed
against the transmission of that thing called love
which you caress every yesterday with a pair of hands borrowed
from the shelf of a priest who lopped off a limb
every Tuesday for contrition
for ammunition for a day
when he could walk on water without any feet
and multiply fishes using only his tongue
which is in a glass jar next to his teeth
next to his piano forte
continously playing bach's brandenburg concerto number 3

I only play on the left side of the piano because I have blacklung and I am a flitter in the ashtray a whimper in a glass

a hollow stutter in the windowpane a gutted body of a fish a swift swipe of light on the subfloor with its large crack in the foundation

> make sure you put on some rouge so at least the disaster is a beautiful disaster a volcano exploding with glistening lips

## [shroom destructioom]

a tree felled
in the fellshroon
couple of swoons with an oiled
tunecluck uck ck k k

———

throat is cuzzy
huzzy

k k k

mushwoom in the thicket mudbloom ashmush breathing through the silo with a sigh

low

cuffing fit

darlingguzzleleanintomyglut

there's no escaping these mudclots in the bloodsplean