

Lawrence Upton

from Caterham Valley # 1

for violist Benedict Taylor

[for vocal performance with improvised viola]

a tumult of days

and pop up tyrannies

acting elated, disappearing

and behaving with enormous fairy-tale emotion

ancient creaming of replica mysteries

remodelled modernisation elegantly sombre

desire storytelling

public hangings, delicately unctuous

enormously pleasurable

and lack of mournings generosity

enormously pleasurable

desire storytelling
relocated characters
blushing, bitter – tender reduction
fuelled unexpectedly

our incongruous grandeur
sourcing darkness from darkness
spilling over the gathering of parasites

immersive entrepreneurship –
a break in the trees --
a primaeval feeling
but not a wild one

from Caterham Valley # 3

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serial entrepreneurs encourage prolific entering
with understanding money
to future potential structures

particularly helped within businesslike rooms,
users change the films they're in
months later

later managing to raise cash
networking an ecosystem
representative of others' organisations

proud members of accelerated programs

calculating, calculating

from Caterham Valley # 5

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We shouldn't be looking at these images.

We shouldn't be hearing.

We shouldn't be seeing

by way of governance

a steady rise in burning blinding

throughout the summer

an idea sprung upwards becoming embodied

thick oil clouds

documenting composition

not having to be explained

cannot be held

linguistic curricula

rapidly tooled

legal forces and laws abounding

citizens

smash up good order in pleasure

our opponents are conealed among their lies

from Caterham Valley # 7

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History is made

and then remade

It is not what happened

only versions of past events

History as popular comedy

allowing stories to develop

father to son

mother and daughter less so

History made by writing

and the shredder and censors

History is changing climate

cold today

colder tomorrow

departures from expected curves

nagging cold

don't forget

History is mad
and then more mad

Let's all join prppaganda dance troops
ignorance is pride
and pride, of course, is ignorance

from Caterham Valley # 9

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Everlasting severity?

Cruelty is in government
insensitivity for sensitive times
delighted by impossibilities
of all who have laboured.

All things end in stupidity.

Our lives cannot sustain us.
All personalities are matter
tender-hearted in gratitude
resentment and clarity
sitting up late depriving ourselves

There is more to life than fulfilling a purpose.

A role is a mechanism:
responsibility must lie

Solitude in hope and longing
codes of harmony