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*Phosphorus*

the illuminative properties of earth,  
love evolved in Sundays of the foxglove,  
chemiluminescence  
asks: 'how did you find loneliness?'

crows gloat over the humility of buckwheat  
which they'd coaxed into being a mentor  
to richer porridges

if there was a reason  
for packing up again & again,  
it was known by wornout soil  
or a salmon passing through your birthplace,  
activated by a cough  
above the twitching of a baby scorpion's tail

beef grazes, jets growl  
in fires of entropy's  
caravanserai, '*sundog eat  
sundog,*' merchants of bliss  
say, selling no winged thing  
& no ingredient of suffering

chemistry wounds the silence with  
waxy newborn smile-flashes made of  
Milky Way wilderness quickly adopted  
by consumer parents, more fuel  
for their ovens

'belly laughter & anguish felt in the throat'  
(too much to be tasted or breathed)

with consciousness a chunk broken up  
& sprinkled on the ground  
is the one whose gift makes life easier  
for all,  
the hero or heroine who never even tried  
to cheat death

lightning in *yang* stimulation of  
imagination's humid stagnation zigzags  
through unemployed metals, sparking as it  
picks away for something to do  
at old mountains holding vast deposits of  
finely flaked criticisms

burning (burning), the pesticidal fire  
(that a coyote avoids)  
unnerves spring with hints of slobber  
whose bouquets supplying a fruitarian point in aerospace  
are monitored by moths

a nano-person huddled in the DNA  
polishes the genes  
(musical instruments in their humors),  
pairs of mouse teeth shining like chromosomes  
are bait for bodily entrapment

subtle (subtle), the genetic code be spliced,  
& will the hereditary line be '*who  
are you?*' attached to? whose  
ear, climate, element, geopolitic &  
'forever imminent end'? dissolving  
along with judgments  
& personal accounts (translated)  
of aborigines?

the fight against disease is stemmed into  
'forest-filtered light' seen  
as birthright

GMO's wanting & needing conformity  
grew so lost in free association  
that their earth never returned home

'designer babies'  
looking for love,  
'the drug of love,' or beyond,  
guided by speech's glow

## *Uranium*

reproductive failure, a defective ritual  
in trying to gain the clean energy behind  
making love in the gras-s, wheat & barley  
susceptible to contamination  
trapped in the kidneys with the sex trade,  
92 memories of antioxidants antioxidants  
move across the blood-brain barrier  
to cool consciou-s preparing  
to risk another scrap of its radiant meat  
that covers other 'cheap materials' hidden  
in the bones

earth's elementary toxicity  
the nukeable delicacy of kis-ses & much to be done  
is revealed through working rivers of bile  
stretching to a glacier heart

earth, corrupting & genius, hot & cold  
with diverse solids, stones  
inviting priceles-s & dubious  
contact, it was  
an experience of their catapulting power  
the ore wasn't safe from the beginning  
infants in the womb would be malleable, politically  
comfortable for awhile if not freaking  
during gestation, fuel rods  
incubating in water's steamy i-i-ideals, reactors re-  
active agents apples clay  
sunflower seeds say they  
introduced late archaic chelators to life  
expectancy's ominous glow now baby  
on the periodic table of natural disaster

radon in the bones was another inexpressible feeling  
like a soldier/callgirl meltdown under Ouranos' (anal) control,  
the swoon through brainfog  
back into paleolithic carvings of deer  
on antler spear-thrower, isotopes of love already  
lethal with enduring ingenue tidbits of supernovae

skygod hot as hell the heavy stuff  
aroused from ore slumber  
anti-wizdom? of coiled  
radioactivity density, dementia  
asking '*can anything more be shared*'?  
as mutations centrifuge into (wait)  
a hallucinated voice (delay)  
an insatiable desire/demand for pow-  
'rrrrr  
(delay)

there were things there that appeared made  
to be avoided,  
no mistaking but that with or without sleight o careful  
hominids would make contact through innate  
attraction to the mint condition  
of the earth, which crystal  
would protect them from nuclear winter?  
before a cleanup was neces-sary of the core  
of the imagination,  
leaving the free radical instincts burning  
for another way out through the ice  
(mung bean energy bars all exhausted)  
barely enough ir- or un-  
radiated matter to eat on the way,  
sexual function 'guaranteed unmodified' however  
wherever-ever in the z-z-zodiac

this half-life is a twisting tale of alpha particles  
burning holes in information zipping up & down  
*ukr'Urania euchre'd fuko-*  
*nuke a -shima 3 mile bikini*  
*atoll*  
(to beat lead), Mayday chlorophylls  
Frigga flower of youth & kelp help haikus  
to personal detox protocols down-  
wind of fallout of fis-sioned responses  
of Pluto to his own enrichment, in the waste  
of chances to begin to pas-s these things  
in urine feces sweat  
back to the stars  
whence they came