All Things Considered

To César Vallejo, inspired by Viola Frey’s “Man and His World” (1994)

Considering Man and His World made hereof in despair: that blind clockwork of daylight; its fooled moon in spousal the truss of seasons that lend support to this emptiness we call time the shit populating our guts, looming in translation the plagiarism of faces abjection ages things nondescript steeped in our imagined languages considering their amorousness how a language, a nation, a straight-jacket can soothe how a book can crack open an almond how an idea can play dead for centuries how we strangle whom we love how we die after a wise-tooth extraction.

Considering dispassionately the aftermath of a nuclear bomb observed from a Japanese mountain top on a hiking trip the minitiae of baking decorations the controversy of power output vs. forward velocity in bird flight the invention of love the impossibility of writing writing about love, unheeded, Petrarchan, hackneyed the construction of gender mops particle accelerators the aesthetics of resistance chaotic enumeration Whitman Darío Neruda Vallejo considering the accretion of figments the blah-blah that would bore both pastures and cows, if they could only understand the possibility that a Wisconsin pasture may feel it is being ruminated upon that art and pastures and cows have ways of knowing and feeling that we do not.

Considering as pure matter of fact the uses of contingency an aunt woken up at 6 a.m. by her nephew and child to assemble the Playmobil Western Fort a blonde twenty-year old serving macadamia nut ice-cream on a beach-stand a Mormon tween showing his father’s 9 mm Browning to his host-brothers a young man pulling his back out lifting a chaise-longue a young woman fainting while she drives to work a young man relapsing, burning heroin with his college girlfriend on a steel spoon a young woman informed she has brain cancer broccoli is a bouquet a young man informed he has lung cancer pecans are flowers a young man found dead from an overdose in his Las Vegas apartment all fruits are ripened ovaries why children love anything that glows in the dark and books of 1,000 questions and answers.

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