

## Heart and Brain as Teapot: Fragments from the Alphabet of the Human Condition

a: aorta, all over, & exhibit a: the great vessel that leaves the heart (undone)

exhibit b: snaking folds of blue and a tiny game of chess is on the mind  
(on the mind of a rabbit)

exhibit h: heart, heartwood, heart would, heart should, heart could  
(if there were no chain)

s: sometimes it all seems such a game

i: if, as in if this is Tuesday, perhaps we invite the heart to tea

n: no, (says the rabbit) the heart is bound the heart in chains the heart in question  
is not game for this game

the heart would play if invited, the heartwood said

well then, what is your Boiling Point? Rabbit Knight to Chained Queen

same as yours, the Queen replied: though there is another name

but it's late too late

too late for decaf says the barista, though I can make you both a pour-over

y:yes, the Q:ueen says

pour over my heart-over leave room for cream and include a disclaimer for

h: heat and how much and what happens to the heart-chain when

c: contents may be hot, a: allow to cool or take your c:hances

c: calculate calculated calculus your chances if you must but beware the rabbit is a callous fellow

c: callus *n* a : response to a wound, the dictionary says, and can be made of heartwood or something  
like a chain : b : take your pick : c : inside or out

shhhhhhh: the heartwood speaks its inside voice:

*water knows how to be its own steam*

fancy all this time and tea, sighs Alice,  
and game enough, says the barista rabbit queen: come then, let's see what the heart would if

~the brain invites all to play the game, and tea~

Poured this Afternoon at 3

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