

Five Poems

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Music at the Heart of Thinking One Thirty

1. The fulcrum of things
2. lengthened by narrative
3. thin line strung told
4. for example, season
5. and stone, twisted
6. words as roots, raked
7. "flax" the edge of prairie
8. and lake, shore lining
9. brim of dish spills the "I"
10. story's pushed surface
11. planar geography's lie
12. the way truth's worded
13. underneath horizon un-
14. parted sky unsung intent

Music at the Heart of Thinking One Three One

1. All ways come back to sky
2. cows dream the marsh
3. back to Winnipeg, salt
4. city to Gimli seven cells
5. of history one as a time
6. another document lost
7. a third lights a track, takes
8. forth into the body blood
9. and then no more smoke
10. six others, like wolves
11. so we need torches, pitch
12. burning difference finally
13. oars as thick as two bys
14. drums about your head

Music at the Heart of Thinking One Three Two

1. Down past sliding home
2. north south to circle story
3. artery of the sentence saying
4. turn, turn around the sun
5. frozen above the intersection
6. at noon, inertia of a hawk
7. then behind and beyond mind
8. annexed in anecdote nowhere
9. but the middle of south
10. that highway to its sun
11. or some reef from lake
12. to feathers the line of poem
13. pecking at the edge of map
14. home honed its fuel glowed

Music at the Heart of Thinking One Three Three

1. And she would one day Dad had been told
2. I guess the biggest Loki said tore that birch
3. from an edge of ice scaled the pickerel badly
4. but it was too late I was on my way now the
5. rhythm apart from stars we were tired and
6. we met talking on the stoop those geese too
7. and their morning ruckus scoop to dream
8. I'm now an empty blue sky I took that picture
9. willows yellowed in the October morning
10. but I didn't go back there on the other side
11. of the field she said the net that cows become
12. frozen in the night sky the shape of raw spring
13. creeks knowing that this happens over and
14. objects can be anyplace like this ash beside me

Music at the Heart of Thinking One Three Four

1. The plateau of the poem
2. pulling a story from a fire
3. smouldering under foot
4. on a periphery of words
5. as things while sentenced
6. to a periphery of counting
7. so nearly uncontained (it)
8. documents no geography
9. nor memory the windmill
10. street and all that walks
11. or reminds crankshaft, smoke
12. sits at the corner cheering
13. past the end of telling you
14. can smell stones burning