# petal / transport 

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> for out there, in here

## becoming clay

i. $\square$ xlvi. I
reader, 48

## a tongue stripped down to its ash

shortly and remind ..... 51
fracture ..... 52
self-tear ..... 53
I) ..... 54
there is ..... 55
winding is the wind ..... 56
even we. ..... 57
struggling to shape and take shape ..... 58
to that end ..... 59
the mean of backfiring ..... 60
2)

63 the fiction to be.
w•ash
65
3)

66
let's see
67
4)

68 title or verse.
69 anymore
70 circle your/the poem
trickle in
rubric
the meantime
briars. bone. this.
75
called

## reader,

if you'll have me, i'd like to contradict what it means to fade into away.

## becoming clay

i.
reaching to. of reaching stairs to soil. soil to milk jaws. this wind was broken. gravels and fingertipped last like nothingness in god. or clear moss that is. its row is / what was. it like to place elbow in vessel. what branch left waters not to continue. not to shape without door. not to know which is to be petal and which is only. just transport.
best, yours.
treelands, january 13
ii.
it is getting late for lungs to theater already. because for chloride to stick. because to barter rounding stone. what is strange can be where. or cloth opens until belonging fleshes breaking. there are no more braids here. no description / to when petal amputates immediacy. warmth is without willingness though. warmth is.
very truly, yours.
treelands, january I6
iii.
innocence. implies untying delicately the spider's back. never before peeling. yet always back into someplace. then wait and they will bring
what hands once had to bury.
will show the needles on standby.
it means that ants are needling
again. songs of wind of ire and stranger. forage locks of glue.
soon a clover will creep between chests. touch heat. be tempted to cut it out with a knife. all to transcribe what tendon is left. all so that someone can understand.
sincere apologies.
society, january I9
iv.
if heads peak to see anchor hit waist. if the opposite. if cleanse is a trick of the rain. an idea to fix and device the falling. empty the regime that begins at the elbow. do not. do not wrap blurred lowlands. they will do everything they can to forgive. everything beyond the chaos lost in gutter steam. everything not to say home does not want to see. not to say chance won't make salt boil over. just the rust and the animal marrow and the sea in the shape of
milk.]
goodbye.
2:30am, january 26-30
although from
bitterness. and
now and at
the hour. of
even if
from bitterness.
retiring. in the
cracks
in virginal
aisle. until
blessed be split
.be among
(be) breath's gaze.
peace be with.
philadelphia
vi.
(after all
the hiccup still
has not clotted
no one knows
but wrapping
all the tails
in rubber bands
but he wanted
only one / she
wanted to teach
the birds how
to fall no one
knows why they
were folded
into artifice into
consciously kind
of like powder
were for
the lip
from this rest, written to you.)
front page, february
vii.
date and deterrent and time. it will be this epic about how gerunds cover holes at the top then limp towards becoming clay

I:42am, 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, february 3
viii.
how friction
is conjure
and accord
ingly the rain
is parallel to
what sister
said. body
in lace
of willow
you are
how /
are you
take care.
february 5
ix.
I) part shiver-part humerus----if there is no smoke looking to escape in glass----the surface may not rise----may remind of once upon is rare upon-----second preheat--next when they wander-------tiptoe---they'll always return from somewhere----last peel leaf by leaf--leaf by ash and sift between------5) before tilt in the light this light--------don't wait too soft never positive.
X.
to be read aloud:
and have to reflect
psalm in a two by for-
closed was the bone
sister had seen / cried
to be read:
diverge is memory
diverge is the
memory of
to be:
collecting whisper
where artery and
page meet
until next.
february 13

