

necessary vital decay

soil
moisture
root
lung
cloud

returning to our constituent parts

raindrops coalesce
around tiny specks of matter
once something else

the desire to be a raindrop

returning to the fabric of the world

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no wind
tall grass, still

blue-white in green-gold
piece of sky at ground level

heron

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leaf

eat light transform

CO₂ to sugar

drink sun

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rippling
not grass but ears!

deer

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*this tree is an important habitat for bats, birds, insects, and other creatures
(sign fencing oak trunk, Duham Massey, Cheshire)*

root to branch-tip

buggy bark

each thing a universe of its own
containing other universes
& part of a larger

interpenetrative,
interdependent

not separate

the butterfly flutters its wings
Chang-Tsu wakes from his dream

not wind, not flag, not mind

whose habitat are you?

wind-raised tree-voices

(all different)

high	ash
rich	holly
	thorn
edged	oak

voice of a billion grasses

(& in stillness

barley popping

crack concrete burst bricks tear tarmac

grip & girdle twist & twine

roots shoots

tendrils

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moon

sun-chemist

bone light

dream-

silver

waters rise to moon

tidings

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desire

think ocean

not the single hot point

but currents

& depths

light filters only so far

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will be:

for a short while	a bird
for a short while	a tree
for a short while	<i>homo sapiens</i>
for a short while	complex sugars in a leaf
for a short while	falling as rain
for a short while	fish

for a longer while	motes in sunlight
for a longer while	soil
for a longer while	borne in water
for a longer while	rock

for the longest while	light
for the longest while	chemistry
for the longest while	energy

for hardly any time at all an 'I'

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consider the activity of rock...