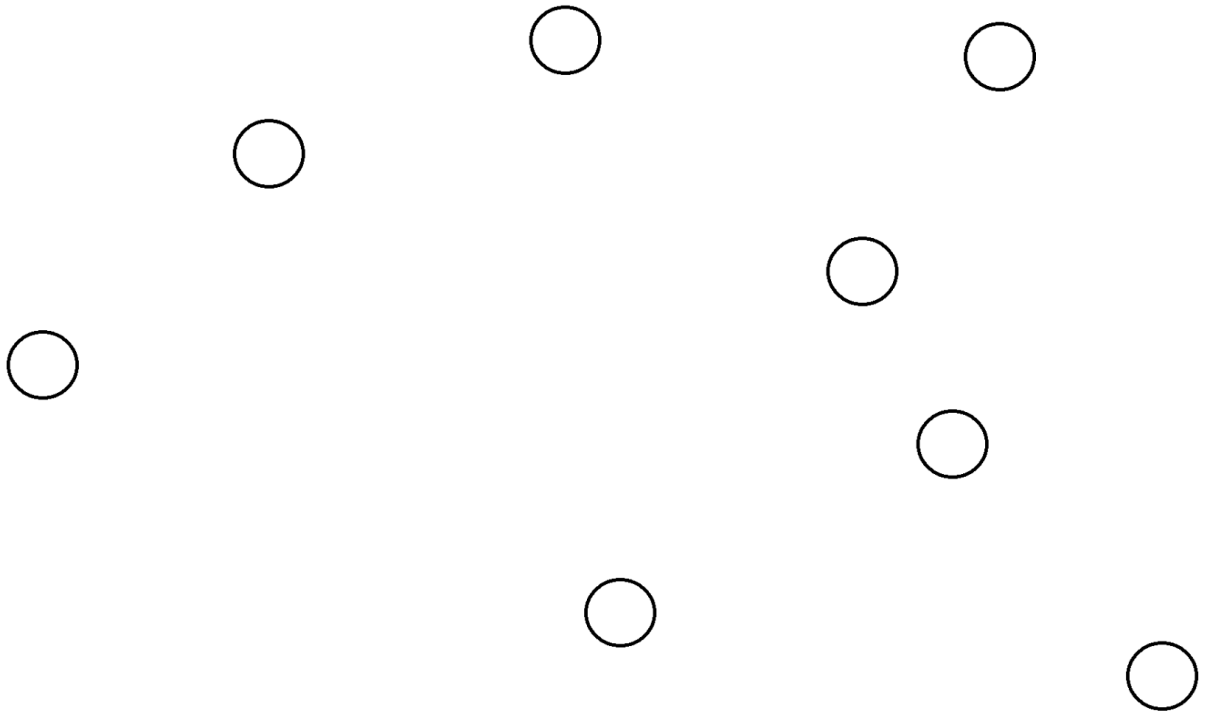


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dream intensity magnifies
under ultraviolet light

another boy band
disappoints this planet again

it's not so much
that it was meaningless
as it is the manner in which
it was meaningless

uneasy silences
spent brooding on literally
nothing at all



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endlessly preoccupied
with my own mortality

a dream where I fall into
a volcano's mouth repeatedly

like an infant straining to see
through fingerprint-smearred glass

ideas wade through
a dense curtain of input

the referee quits the game
but everybody keeps on playing

the eyes of God are upon us always
I'm just a vessel or something



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these days the burden
is on the individual
to find out
how to live
you begin your expedition
with basically nothing
except the power to elicit
venom from your surroundings
even the grass out here
seems pissed at us
skipping past
the previous entries
and then devouring the lotus whole
(but you press on regardless)



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porous forms revealing
varying shades
of online connectivity

“I think that guy
might have puked on himself”

as everything kind of piled up
in a way that made people frightened
and aloof

tolerating only the familiar vibes racing through them

wearing all that like an armour made of dust



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pacing around in your room
 molecules separating and then
 merging again in your wake
 every single one of your secrets
 will eventually come to market
 you pause an instant
 to observe your face
 reflected in the tombstone-
 shaped mirror of the medicine cabinet
 a box within which
 the sound of waves crashes repeatedly
 again and again



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“you can’t taste the pear
without altering the pear”
as I rethink
everything I intended to say to you
and smoke more weed with the death squads
in Ontario
unashamedly



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it is
what it is

stock market indecisiveness
eliminating older forms of play

never fails to tantalize
this newest prime minister of ours

you can bite on asphalt
to extend your capital

but first make sure that you're sure
crawl home along the scenic route

crawl like you mean it
slug



