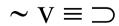
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Grey moon Grey sun

Angular anonymity

Black hole

Brown weed Weak plastic Dim foreground

Crude language

Untrimmed hedges Dwarf chickens Cornered field mouse

Haphazard wrens

A cat

purrs

under the table

A brief twittering

in the air

slowly

fades

White moon Green Adonis White dwarf

Angular anonymity

Sentient foot	Radiant foot	Light foot
	Unsuspecting foot	
Unmarked foot	Unmarked foot	Unmarked foot
	Defacing foot	
Sticky tar	Crushed bones	Muted cover-up
	Illiterate foot	
	Yesterday's	
	erudite	
	chickens	
	betray	
	the iron rivers	
	to permafrost	
	and wilderness	
Dangling rope	Rising pepper	Resident dog
	Betraying foot	

Colourful pensioners	Crossbred pigeons	Silenced ducks
	Sexed animals	
Tinny whistles	Steady hatred	Staple fodder
	Equilateral holidays	
Improper nicknames	Opaque surnames	Legitimate first names
	Divergent deaths	
	The trilobite	
	lies fixed	
	under the clay	
	On top of	
	the stump	
	herbs	
	wither	

Tinny hates

Old-fashioned consonants

Steady ducks

Silenced whistles

Molten butterflies Unadorned power cuts		Silent mists
	Sympathetic glances	
Rectangular moths	Precise lines	Glistening soil
	Isolated glances	
Virgin bushes	Swaying branches	Dressed leaves
	Urbane glances	
	There is more oil	
	beneath the soil	
	but the tanker	
	of sweet intoxicants	
	comes home slowly	
	by rail	
	at dawn	
Stagnated woods	Unified ranges	Smooth lakes

Sympathetic glances

Cultivated wheat	Rough ruby	Feathery gorse
	Nearby town	
Damaged worm	Opaque sapphire	Black laburnum
	Navel caves	
Still darkroom	Invisible silk	Feathery gorse
	Nearby town	
	The air raid shelter	
	in the back garden	
	is never there for long	
	The temple's foundations	
	are rotten	
	the worshipper bare	
	in the palpable still air	
Feathery wheat	Rough ruby	Cultivated gorse

Disembodied laburnum

Alert deserts Scorched wastelands Arid plains Persistent drought Dying roots Deluded buds Desiccated seeds Alert deserts Red streams Open combat Settled dust Persistent forgetfulness Reaching the special tank the metal sinks towards gleaming You mustn't fall into the acid bath

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