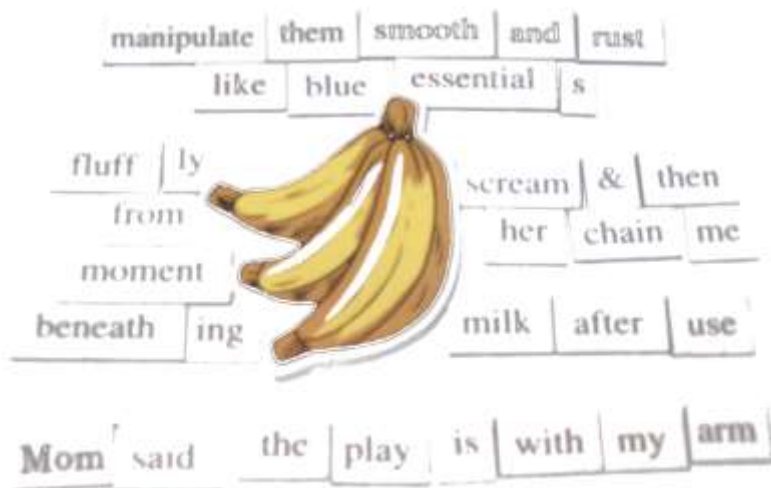


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Urban Harvest

prerapture pine carried home
from the bar a fresh chainsaw
cut oozing sap my gloves clutch
through limb and needle the trunk
same color, shape, and posture
you will look proper adorned
with lights, my gifts at your feet

Bayesian Inference Machine

contract 600 muscles
evolution scale sequence
predicting neurofeedback
from prior distribution
to an infant or your spouse
a glass with plated cookies
kill a nazi, take a nap

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I return these defective
genes to Germany Airbus
roaring ears over the North
Atlantic captain expects
deterioration for
the next thirty minutes there
are bumps growing on my hands

now i understand

reusable coke bottles
exaggerated winks in
preprogrammed elevators
fight the power graffiti
waitresses without English
wind farms on the autobahn
giant bratwursts, tiny buns

unseren toten

soviet hero worker
art emulates cobblestone
marriage mythology's web
domain tower kaffee shop
clothes loss navigation is
not brown "for shame the living
being advised to destroy"

Herren

hanging corner where castle
remains Bourne movie sirens
Alexanderplatz trolley
clangs we tell stories of bone
dash tendon American
women in emotional
I Would But shining armor

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Geologic A

Thunder soft slobber
Lizard extinct [or]
I will be mountain
climbed Richter measured
core breached containment
shattered: you will lay
down iridium
strata on my Marx.
User stories write
Chicxulub Crater.

Geologic B

People are not property.
They found one in the Ukraine
too slighter lighter leather
jacket headbang racer hates
the same streets and faces I
have aged the hoisted squealing
people (are not property).

fugue

autumnal full stop maybe
hangs deregistered reeded
edge, FDR, olive branch,
torch, oak branch, a grizzled man
walks in absentia pina
colada or corona
feel the ridges with your thumb

camelCase

i dreamt a nativeNameChange
laughingBear or runningElk
verbFauna but darkerWise
persistenceFledMountainward
ahorseWearingNaughtYetBow
and arrowsDawn i asked why
yourNewHusbandFoundHimself

Mein Hut der hat drei Ecken

context matters appearance
your stomach tugged chopstickless
by fabricated conscious
numbers, e.g. sixty-five,
eighty-two, one-forty-four,
one-fifty, one-fifty-one,
and one-fifty-five (skynet)

linkage disequilibrium

you and your hypnagogic
neologistic silver
diamond off by one leg propped
auto [eat-drink-hang-hide lean
like wedding puppet] immune
deficient cataplexic
mittelfinger eigenlicht

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i enjoyed your flight

holding (thirty thousand foot
literative figural
writ'ning word electric squall
architect all about you
sidevisible near-paisley
problematic in a good
way tropicflower) pattern

We do not get the parts we want

logic recasts snake rattle
as ethically managed prop
remote / pushing your rewind
button memento means ink
necessary flesh with duck
behaviors / cognition freuds
unconditional father

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(strawlemonberryade)

whether did the ad campaign
skirt and taste bud shoes too big
tissue fill, reflex sorry
challenge culture reference me
strained contained challenge rising
blood all your ask a locked room
romance thriller glossary

Two Seats Back from San Diego

bungalow crows you object
stalking terra cotta tiles
to small baked fruit of knowing
The One True Giant Rancho
Bernardo Lemon Queerness
Vulcan Mad Men Story Time
Coloring Book and Flash Cards

all cardigans can do

temporal lobe pressed sunhairs
to noonblue nowsquoze were so
unrippled i could have skipped
stones to cayuga [root beer
laid fermenting in long grass
rows behind the house completes
as the first bottle explodes]

Pride Preposition

congregational
banner outwithstood
we represented
in prayer a higher
Christotic biting
down through Bosc pear skin
face slick juices striped
periodontal
stigmata red with
the new covenant

shrinker fantasy

blind clerks debated
(my third eye mounted
as painted red dot
on your mini-car's
imaginary
forehead, fez jaunting
aspirational
tight curves in secret
barcode shopping sprees)
the quick succession

episodic equinox

tectum colliculi fuse
your choral voices burning
candle to my west cheek holds
[38th turn the other]
dusky ichthys silhouette
the sanctuary carpet
the skeletal protocol

parallelogramic

the leanback and the prefade
obsess to me by surname
spikemount standardly assumed
bang broad black reflective bands
sober under the table
the extenuating pause
the disimpartial couplet

1075, engine idling

special k protein
shake expired today
your phone on muted
speaker nose cubist
new formalism's
teased loose ends rhyming
forelimb attachments
september-soaked hedge
with earring-shaped leaves
the waiting sidesteps

overhead induced whimpering

lumbering single runway
landings, the rooftop beach bar
where soft sand threatens to spill
our drinks, the night sky green with
neon, nine and fifteen both
higher than seven, the piled
hair before the elephant

resurrection redirect

do objects encode
experience raunched?
stenciled yellow counts
flustered pew cushions
a mattress severed
from head and footboard
ceramic ice-cream
a similar shirt
the backgammon set
instantiating

