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the word is the bee
         engineered to sting
the bee
          the quill
through the heart of the
                        porcupine
the larvae of the
wasp in the brain
           of the moth
who protects, not moth,
                 but wasp from
wasp
        in this monster race
the vampire the
         werewolf the necrotized
face all lose to the
most heinous fiend of all:
                            the murdered child
Let her
entertain you
the littlest
       zombie
in tiara and dress
scream you
scream we all
```

KILL YOURSELF

scream for her

scream

## Ptolemy

When Ptolemy mapped the brain of the

woman he put the dirt in

the center

Sagittarius in a

sulcus he doubled down

for over a thousand years said her

glutamates were

dragón teeth litter of

Terra Incognita

Amazing how her sloshy

squishy skull pulp beams on the

white bone screen

inside her

head my giddy aunt

what a movie!

Ptolemy meets Alien

from a planet far beyond his

calipers it's another

world,

Man!



## Eocene blues

soul and

sunless future.

There is an unexamined woman solid as a jellyfish she listens to boys dredges ocean trenches spelunks sea caves for a thrown bone a throne bone a femur from a four-legged whale or a circular saw jaw once bitten fatally smitten better to mine the asteroids for some sort of bright and boneless



Giant

The woman from Ballynahatty

Is practicing

kindness again now

that the porcellanite is

polished she would rather have

an enlarged

heart

than a gladiator's shin

would rather hear it thumping

like Newton's Cradle

during an 8.9 earthquake

before landing a little

dust storm

pieces of the woman

from Ballynahatty

speckle my double helix (and maybe

yours, too) like

glitter so I do

not hang up on the

telemarketer this

time a grey wolf

coming in for a lump

of turnip or

ox so close I have to wipe the

drool off my cheek

when she gives

her head a shake.



| T-Rex disappeared.                  |
|-------------------------------------|
| Bullied Lystrosaurus overslept      |
| but could not vanish                |
| not even in her dreams the asteroid |
| hit continental                     |
| drift                               |
| 300 megayears pass we say to the    |
| "scram" chanting holy guy           |
| Congrats!                           |
| on your coming nix                  |
| the one prerequisite fixed:         |
| Not me I will not heed Remember     |
| not ALL have been                   |
| given a horn to                     |
| Poof!                               |
| You have forgotten                  |
| corneas.                            |
|                                     |



Welp

And so I wrote this thing but now it no longer

strums like the harp of the

girl in the

mosaic,

or brush drums the word,

Mesopotamia.

No more to warble like a flute from the

bone of a

cave bear

or pluck like the lyre of a

shapeshifting quail.

It will not boom to the gait of a giant

ground sloth

or sing like a wren from an

American Chestnut

It no longer giggles like Tut at a good

Game of Ur

or thumps like the wings of

Pelagornis

Never to shred charged guitars of

plasma and gas said the

hole that inhales

in the

Perseus Cluster.

Fuck!



Some people you can see
the tops of their heads tall
or short I met a man once who was 6 foot 7 you could see it
his tippy top 57 years ago his throbbing
fontanelle announced some ghoulish thing about to
CROWN he's done
a lot of research from his vantage point since then a lot of looking
down but he can't see the top of this woman's head who
is only 5'2 the clouds swirl 'bout her dome like
cotton she jokes throughout her life
"I've done a lot of search."

