Viction
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
scream for her
scream
victim
KILL YOURSELF

## 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

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
soul and
sunless future.

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.

Null

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:
to have appeared
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."

