

people of the sun¹

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*Albert Ayler's Judge Ye Not*²

prayer

let us all blow poems like he his horn

preface/epigraph

*If you voted for Trump, swipe left.*³

sources

donato mancini: more or less more

jackson mac low: Second Movement of the Light: The Litany of the Beautiful Lights

various popular and scholarly sources

¹ Title borrows from song of the same by Rage Against the Machine, off 1996's *Evil Empire*

² Recording from 2004's *Holy Ghost* issue, Disc 7. Technically by the Don Ayler Sextet

³ From an anonymized Tinder profile, April, 2017

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⁴ Donato Mancini, *Same Diff*, Talonbooks, 2017

May The Eternal Light shine on him.
May The One Light shine on him.
May The Light Accepting Repentance shine on him.
May The Last Light shine on him.
May The Abasing Light shine on him.
May The Prevailing Light shine for him.
May The Avenging Light shine for him.
May The Light Ruling The Kingdom shine about him.
May The Fashioning Light shine about him.
May The Majestic Light shine about him.
May The One Light shine about him.

May The Light shine above him.
May The Making Light shine above him.
May The Seeing Light shine above him.
May The Subtle Light shine above him.
May The Light shine above him.
May The Light That Withholds shine above him.

May The Subsisting Light shine under him.
May The Dominant Light shine under him.⁸

⁸ Second Movement of the Light: The Litany of the Beautiful Lights by Jackson Mac Low, from *Complete Light Poems* (Chax, 2015)

[2]

he stays true to who he is⁹

I hear many things and can't stop listening to them. I hear many things and can't stop listening to- I hear many things and can't stop listening-- I hear many things and can't stop--- I hear many things and can't---- I hear many things and----- I hear many things----- I hear many----- I hear----- I-----

he will have to try something.¹⁰

I know this wall is going to transform the world. II this wall is going to transform the world. III wall is going to transform the world. IIII is going to transform the world. IIIII going to transform the world. IIIIII to transform the world. IIIIIII transform the world. IIIIIIII the world. IIIIIIIII world. IIIIIIIIII.

he will, once again, find a way to defy the odds and get it done

⁹ Paul Ryan, *Time.com*, 4/20/17

¹⁰ Geoff Dyer, included in "What Next for Donald Trump?" in *Symposium*, Jan/Feb 2017

May The Prevailing Light shine out from him.

May The Powerful Light shine out from him.

May The Pardoning Light shine out from him.

May The Hidden Light shine out from him.

May The Honoring Light shine out from him.

May The Deferring Light shine across him.

May The Kind Light shine across him.

May The Light Ruling the Kingdom shine upon him.

May The Forgiving Light shine upon him.

May The Generous Light shine upon him.

May The Eternal Light shine upon him.

May The Guiding Light shine past him.

May The Fashioning Light shine past him.

May The Ruling Light shine past him.

May The Light That Is Aware shine past him.

May The Guiding Light shine past him.

May The Distressing Light shine past him.

May The Finding Light shine after him.

May The Bestowing Light shine after him.¹¹

¹¹ Second Movement of the Light: The Litany of the Beautiful Lights by Jackson Mac Low, from *Complete Light Poems* (Chax, 2015)

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he has had his happiest days as president at Mar-a-Lago

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His ascension has been a tremendous boon¹²

¹² Leah McGrath Goodman, "Wall Street's Pink Flamingos," *Newsweek Global*, 3/31/2017

May The Light That Brings Forward shine in behalf of him.

May The Prevailing Light shine in behalf of him.

May The Kind Light shine in behalf of him.

May The Governing Light shine in behalf of him.

May The Destroying Light shine in behalf of him.

May The First Light shine below him.

May The Light That Rules The Kingdom shine below him.

May The Light That Is Lord of Majesty And Liberality shine over him.

May The Dominant Light shine over him.

May The Watching Light shine over him.

May The Powerful Light shine over him.

May The Incomparable Light shine down on him.

May The Forgiving Light shine down on him.

May The Just Light shine down on him.

May The Clement Light shine down on him.

May The Incomparable Light shine down on him.

May The Glorious Light shine into him.

May The Providing Light shine into him.¹³

¹³ Second Movement of the Light: The Litany of the Beautiful Lights by Jackon Mac Low, from *Complete Light Poems* (Chax, 2015)

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¹⁴ Donato Mancini, *Same Diff*, Talonbooks, 2017

previous notes:

original title: donato tomato (5 minutes)

~~*This poem is born out of a potential allergy to and risk from tomatoes, as well as the deeply effective and affective recent poetry of Donato Mancini, who lives north of where I live.*~~

~~*super power lunch would have been another good title.*~~

redacted from third section:

~~*anything that helps the president keep his head clear and his mind focused is worth the money¹⁵*~~

~~There is some point to the wall. There is some point to the wall.~~

~~*many of its residents are benefiting from his presence¹⁶*~~

~~I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it. I hear many things so let's fight about it.~~

explanations¹⁷

#appointment #anointment

#burnout

#cruelty #cripple

#calcification

#decay

#dormant

#homage #holster

#hung

¹⁵ Daniel Benjamin, "Donald Trump Should Chip in for his Expensive Mar-a-Lago Golf Getaways," *Time.com*, 4/5/2017

¹⁶ Leah McGrath Goodman, "Wall Street's Pink Flamingos," *Newsweek Global*, 3/31/2017

¹⁷ Originally was going for acrostic "Trump" letters; abandoned idea midway through.

~~#outcry #ointment~~

~~#poison~~

~~#rust~~

~~#subterfuge #submission #superpowerlunch~~

~~#torture #taken~~

~~#tongue¹⁸~~

~~aides have taken to occupying Trump to try to lessen the frequency of his outbursts¹⁹~~

~~What's this wall gonna really mean? What's this wall gonna really mean? What's this wall gonna really mean?~~

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~~What's this wall gonna really mean?²⁰~~

~~**He always finds a way to get it done²¹**~~

~~I might be a mess but at least there's ownership. I might be a mess but at least there's— I might be a mess but~~

~~at least— I might be a mess but at— I might be a mess but— I might be a mess— I might be a— I might be—~~

~~— I might— I—²²~~

¹⁸ [REDACTED FOR BOTHELL PERFORMANCE]

¹⁹ Michael Scherer and Zeke J Miller, "The Two Contradictory Faces of Donald Trump: President and Provocateur," *Time.com*, 4/4/17

²⁰ [REDACTED FROM FIRST SECTION, FOR BOTHELL PERFORMANCE]

²¹ Paul Ryan, *Time.com*, 4/20/17

²² [REDACTED FROM SECOND SECTION, FOR BOTHELL PERFORMANCE]

politic pomp

Boom bomb. [IN THE HEIGHT OF THE RISK, NOW IT'S ACTUALLY COOL IN HERE. I SEE THE MAP THAT DEMONSTRATES RISING TENSIONS.]

In the darkness the hands come gloved equally in black and white. They wrap around my neck. They let me know my throat. They touch my ribs lightly before squeezing in. The sky is dark, wrapped in fabric. Colors have been damaged. The decay of each tone through wear. Where a weather pattern is forming. The figures have stretched faces. The language is lick and spittle. Hushed are the bones that do the walking. Thrusted are the muscles aching the open and the shut. To ostracize the language. To dishearten the listener. The lap we put our hands in for comfort. The panting of our cruelest modes.

Hello explosion. [IN THE HEIGHT OF FALSE PROGRAMMING, I AM WRITING IN A STATE OF AN EMACIATION OF DELAY.]

I ask where you're from. You tell me the senate. I ask who've you spoken with. You tell me everyone. I ask when you get home at night. You tell me very, very late. There is an orange hue to your brow. There is a bloodied reflection in your sweat. I see the broken face of the fodder. I see the language you speak in broken bodies. I see tongues ripped from mouths. I see tongues nailed to mantels. A mirror has been dirtied with intention. A mirror has been fragmented and consolidated, spewing forth the desired, mutated image. Nothing is desirable. A comet of unsecured, unsacred filth.

Into the hole. [IN THE HEIGHT OF DIVERSION AND MEN WHO FAIL, I AM WRITING THROUGH THIS COOL AIR CURRENT, AND ITS FLOW REACHES ME. I LOOK AT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FAILING MEN AND WONDER IF I LOOK SO SIMILAR WHEN I AM FAILING.]

In tasting the flavors of derision: hints of foam, blockades of forestry, throng of uncertain perspectives, fealty of desertion. A pronging of the last ejection of ideas. With a cool overlay of blackberries, the vines snarling, nonverbal barking across the landscape, hill and steppe, the precision of which is like a beggar in full mania, dollish and droll, the domesticity lit candle.

Into the hold. [I HAVE HEARD THAT THE COAL ENERGY IS BEING BANNED FROM A CRUCIAL ENERGY PLANT, AND MY MIND IS UPLIFTED.]

Enter prose and prose enters, subtle, a gestured mirror gendered, then disabled. Disrobed. Freer. Furor. Flight of the path of this autonomy. A layer or seven of ardent acceptance. Nod, now bow, breathe outward. Many, moons with many mammals, in heaps, carcasses collected, cordoned, kept over there, dripping in the chance, a burden, a delicious sweep of sulk, the way the weight waits for you. You, skull, the way, the way, the way.

Rapid rabbits gone feet. [100 DAYS, WITH 100 NIGHTS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE MANY PERSPECTIVES ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF TIME AS DILUTED THROUGH THE CONTEMPORARY WELL WISHERS.] In my dream a body is destroyed by being cut into pieces. You cut off the arm but it still moves. The new enemy is the arm. You cut off the hand but the hand still moves. The enemy is the hand. You cut off a finger, and another, and then there is a three-fingers being moving towards you, looking to grab your skull and crush it. When I wake up, I have to think. I have to think to about people. People I don't know. People I do. Donato and his new book. Paul and his vocal range. Thomas and his dotted forehead. Steven and his omnipotent unknown. Kate and her fluttery kindness. I think of the lancing of these people as symbols, like being branded with emojis on the entirety of my skin, which has not happened, or receiving a full body massage while enduring a full body sunburn, which has happened.

Secrete and secret and screech. [SOME HAVE GONE THROUGH THE MOTIONS. IT DEFINITELY APPEARS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE NOT MUCH TO SAY, THOUGH I LISTEN ANYWAY, WAITING, LIKE A DEER, FOR THE BULLET TO TURN ME INTO MEAT.]

original project title: "cop a fealty"