

WILL ALEXANDER

FROM CONCERNING THE HENBANE BIRD

Concerning The Henbane Bird is uttered by the other worldly voice of Andean Hillstar the 2nd largest hummingbird on Earth. This is the first poem in The Combustion Cycle. The second poem in the cycle is entitled On Solar Physiology uttered by an Angolan shaman, and the 3rd is The Ganges uttered by an untouchable. Thus South America, Africa, India and the cosmos are explored.

"...I am proof that the transpersonal exists
that inscrutable exorcism remains

my wings first populated
by distillation from meteors

yet now
human beings as assembled subjects stored by territorial flaw
as if trying to interpret from Anarctica
bluish hails from China

because I sense these levels
the hails
the flaws
the African Sanservieria
the dust from Babylonian land waves
as I am unified by smokeless solar foundation
with superior fuliginosity
which expands & re-emits the galaxies from nothingness

perhaps at lowered concentration
I am seen as a blemished sand demon
simply scavenging from debris

but I know in my rawness
that eternity is freedom from periodic habit
from biology as quotidian symbiotic measured from one mirrored distance to another

everything swirls
mountains dim
grasses develop
the Sun glistens
through the optical transfer of instinct
my battle is against dreary modifying templates

against the pronoun which resists dispersion
so gravity no longer lurks with virtuosic terror

as living nigredo I flew before there was death
from cosmic wells to roundelays of earthlight
elliptically entranced by Andean Peru by the cold transfixture of Ecuador

being a bastion of dissimilar species
I am akin to the Nasturtium
in that my colours are a transported magnet
setting marshes ablaze
like a hive of flailing pentads

being Juniper leanings
which at times structures the seasons commingling with sparks from blank rubidium jetties

which suffices at one level
according to duration as minimum yield
& at another level according to transhuman spiral

I am an avian who extends its yield with defective circling
around proto-epic stupas
being one of my auras
projected through the glass that is India
like a free standing meteor
advancing scope after persistent electrical scope
being shock as transparent equation

so that my plumage becomes bewildering stasis

a patternless holding grain
hovering day after uncounted day
so that progression is blurred as a specious in-canonical counting
not unlike corroded daybreak founderies

that register deficits through enfeebled firmaments
being creatures wandering
burning
uncreated
faceless
in league with genetic myopia

yet
I've wandered from seeming liquidation
as an incandescent signal
wafting from Alpha Centauri combining a superior vocal carbon with freshly harvested
monerons
alive by means of restless imporiosity

I have occurred from a blank diakos predicted by all the entities
factored from an osmotic codex
far beyond a fixed or strangling relation with soil

I'm speaking of dialectic with dialectic of mirror with mirror
being alive with ghostly oxygen levels
primal as thirstless cosmological fire

neither the instinctual mind nor matter
but energy more fundamental than living
& it is in this zone from which I trembled through undoing

I was a precocious Datura in blackened lightning valleys
divinized by smell
by leakage
by chromosomal quaking

a perfect seance by velocity
by sudden neutron seas simultaneous as deltas

& from this velocity
I will attempt to mine vectors
from intrinsic pollutional ailments imbibing henbane litres
so as to transmute the various toxins of the world

these infelicitous toxins
alive
like a rose improperly rooted
going deeper into unfit sturgeon & squid
seeing by dyplopia
being ghost ponies as whales

for instance
in the Black Sea*
'Copepods' vanished
gastropods no longer members of life 'oysters reduced to 'remnant populations'

as if one could speak of cleansed uranium trees
of algae flourishing amidst invasive detergents

devastated
the Black Sea horse mackerel
the Atlantic bonito
'three species of grey mullets'

seals
killed by 'organo Chlorines'
the 'white-tailed sea eagle'
overcome by contaminants
hovering
floating back & forth over death stunned by ether from corpses..."

GLOSSARY

Black Sea- In recent years the depths of the Black Sea "have become oxygen starved deserts, riddled with pockets of hydrogen sulfide gas. Fishermen often report seeing sheets of flame on open waters..."