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Shimmering, wind soaring, starflashing intuitive bri g h t n e s s:—
                            Dark dreams cannot conceive its cert a in lightness:
                           In the shadow in the back of your neck:
                        To the secret star in the black feather s
                     Rising up your spine's steering crescent
                  The warm gold leaf stem from genit a 1 c o r e:
               Ignoring to oblivious exile that othe r li n e:
             Burning iron agony pipe drea m m i n d:
Right into your noise crest ed h e a d's Clanking eyeless scream dream s
Clawing up your welded stiff neck's
Scratching cracks up your sizzle d chest,
              Ripping at your burning s t o m a c h,
Delusion's rust gnawed wir e d l i n e
                       Your mind's dazed talons always gras p
Breathing the blind sensing of bot h lines,
Believable wind up your front pulls you down.
                                  Acid wire feathers tearing up, rip at your h e a r t's
                                     Unbelievable wind up your back pull s y o u u p:
                                        The gold leaf light feathers rising up behind your spin e's,
                                          You don't always know, tongue tip forget, never knew, deny, refuse,
                                            Like a wind dark rolling Eagle conceiving life a vicio us stor m:—
                                                                 Die: Inhale:— And Live again:— L i f e: —
                                                                    Be your Self: Fly: Dive: Liv e: Lo v e:
                                                                       Find your Self: Follow yo u r S e 1 f:
                                                                          lies, depressions, terrors, strif e:
                                                                            Kill Self-hatred's cuts, panic s,
         I am alive: I wish to li v e: -
       I had destroyed my Self-hatred forev e r;
       dive into very cold depths: I sur face d:
       In the next year from a screamin g
       without feeling the stab of a thorn: B u t:
       Yes: Hafiz: No one ever plucke d a ro s e
       duck suddenly do v e to e a g l e.
        and in between someway the wild
        Seeking humanity inside, outside
                                           I found my Self. I was my Self. f.
                                        to the sensation of my life.
                                     was continuously present
                                  ing. I had my attention. I
                                to breathe with my entire b e
                              breathing out. I had learn e d
                            learned to breathe in with ou t
                          before were impossi ble. Ihad
                       able to do things that a few day s
                      blooming flow erglory. I was
                    sing bright bright brillian t
                   leaps through ice spring to
                 my Self, as easy as a croc u s
               state that I wish ed to do in side
              And I did any work or change o f
                                                                    piled of Self-Hatred, I held my brea t h.
                                                                      under granite ugly high Man hattan,
                                                                       below mega Ibsen ice col d dept h s
                                                                          a wild duck diving fearless ly do w n
                                                                            crowds in Herald Square and lik e
                                                                             Army's crashing band in the ban ging
                                                                               that week, stood before the Salvat i o n
                                                                                  I could stop. I went into New York
       It did not stop. Nothing stopped I.
     like a quiet storm of loveline s s.
   light dazzle pour e d a r o u n d m e
 Life in all its glor i o u s d y n a m i c
                                                         be that create s a sweet substance.
                                                            they really are and I knew I was to b e a
                                                               the suchness of things a s
                                                                 I was my Selfand Isaw
                                                                   gold toil cocoon of my work to b e.
                                                                     my conditioning and the sm o thering
                                                                       the bitter sweet gold foil shi t b o x o f
                                                                          It was all over. I came outside
                                                                            It was Good-bye to all that.
                                                                              endless wretched misery failur e.
                                                                                 diving into horrible, seemi n g 1 y
                                                                                   inside and outsi de my Se 1 f,
                                                                                     hard ugly workings endless 1 y
                                                                                        After a few years of terrib 1 e
                            You inhale light.
                            From this moment on:
                             entered the breath garde n.
                            The ground is air. Yo u hav e
                            leaf wings. Your wing s w a 1 k.
                         your arms beat trembling g o 1 d
                        the marrow of your life. No w
                      You smell taste. Then you tas t e
                    You hear color. You see soun d.
                 is reason. The brain is blood p u m p.
              Then the sun is midnight. The hear t
            Then the moon is broad dayligh t.
         Then night is day and day is n ig h t.
       then front to back then in side out.
    your entire being turns upside do w n
  then instant then when in that the n
It is not what you thin k, then, that
                                                        else that was shit foil ed on and into me."
                                                           to destroy my Self-hatred and e v e r y t h i n g
                                                            without misery," I said. "I' m goin g
                                                              "I'm going to find out how to do i t
                                                                 duck. Where are you diving to, Dav i d?"
                                                                    You did it all your Self. You're a wi 1 d
                                                                      Tempo Perdue smiled. "You ar e.
                                                                         "I'm going to be like you," I cri e d.
                                                                           "Where are you going?" he sa i d.
                                                                                "I don't know, I a m." I sa i d.
                                              Where are you going, David?"
                                              You owe no thing to no on e.
                                              free. You don't believe an y thin g.
                                              You did it all your Self. You are
                                              out how to do everythin g. and not another? "You figure d
                                              For why should one lear n
                                             He said loud for all to he a r
"You know every thing, David"
                                              I saw a quick smile on his face.
                                              Ishivered a spring chill.
                                              I was high er than the moon.
                                              Self carefully as I chopped wo o d.
                                              Tempo Perdue was watchi n g m y
     he said, "I did it all my Self."
       the huge cold foiled leafy swo o s h
          and as the tree cracked, to fall
             put one finger on the tree tru n k
               Tempo Perdue stepped up to the tree,
                          the tree down:—the tree cracke d. as the truck pulled the chain to pull 1
                             around the tree to a truck, and just
                              a huge tree trunk, then ho o k a c h a i n
                              in order to two-man saw through
                              Early that day 20 of us worked hour s
                             so I liked to work with Tempo Per d u e.
                            I always liked to work for my Se 1 f
                                                               grass on a brass wind rolled mirror of the se a.
                                                             shimmering Kurasawa lacquered gold spraye d
                                                           on Turner sail of gold toiled crystal light on
                                                      like jolly, cold boiled, air-fat Fall pirate s
"Don't take in more than you can hold,"
                                                    on how much you can hold," or
                                                 saying thin g s like: "I tall depend s
                                               on the light on the twigs on the gold leaf gras s,
                                             holding their breat h, focusing their attention
                                           People were inhaling greathuge amounts of a i r,
                                        on my ax blade smelled like precious jew e 1.
                                      Things looked so sharp and bright that the light
                                    We were all drunk on youth, air, and impression s.
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weeds: Twigs fondly called slash into kin d ling.

We were attentively hacking rich-wasplawn

The light was sharp diamond. Clear-cut.

Hollow Road in Mendham, New Jersey.

on P.D. Ouspensky's estate on Jockey
before the big mansion above the farm
on what once had been a grandlawn

We were clearing brush in a thicket
eagle tine lined light refractions.

trembling goldleaf eagle wing
Wright's Falling Leaf drawings'
leaves was sharp as Frank Lloyd
The air wassharp. The light on the
It was a beautiful Fall day in 1961.

Self in the thicket like an eagle soaring in highair.

Tempo Perdue was watching each person's