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Arrowshaft trembled in squirrelwake, a tulipvine hung from its dawn. I set my sunsick head on the table, I lay down in my dinner. The controls, controlled, controlled. Passed my hand through the hopewall, checking it for ghost. Heard outside sound inside, attuned my trumpetleaves. Apartmentneighbor furiously tapemachined all night, according to my recordings. Doubleplated, the lunchmen sidewalked off the cordon. Define "gore." I wielded my gearshift necklace when necessary, when skeleton. Greathearted vermin scribed survival in the mosstower. Spider descended sunbeam like it were stairs, like nightmared celebrity. Define "o." Nothing is alien or possible here.

That was his name! Juice of Orange. Told hear, heard tell of him. His grandfatherbeard was clocked in unclesquare. Town talked about it. Gone daughters came flashlighting happy out of the cornsheaves. Glitching tower spokesaid messages anyway. A matter not of stitch but of locus of stitching. Heard tear, held tear of him. Handplucked by our ruffians, adorable in morningwear, the minute hands suicidally crossed with our hands. Neckveins jettisoned their alreadyblue manifests. Portaling recklessly, poring over the glassworks, I pinioned rotgut into the typewriter. Weather I was still breathing. Townfolk talked back about it. Glassworks. Updraft. Weather I was hungry.

O air compressor, do dislodge the gore beneath
our strings. Insane and hoary eyeglass, delight
of flagworshipper: these are musics. Desire
and longlost mimic, upload head but not the
body. Us it calls us, the wandergrass. Solemn or
under fingernail, done fortress, the gore-flecked
wings. A music, star-concerned, listens to itself.
Item: new dewdrop for collection, time-siphon.
O beheaded meadow, will you download me?
Will you arrange our pillows? Somewhere south
of a grave glissando, your neck hurts a little bit
more than mine. Pilons pivot and overhead we
sing, a couplet of greenjays. Waking, our heads
(threesixty) love to look at themselves. And the
year, yearly, years.