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a thought
light
hunger
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my self
are carcassed together for an instant

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Jump on the
Wagon
Faithfully forng
The path-
dragged on by Of truth
where is: wheretogo
does this ox card of meaning
have a cox smart enough
get being
fish it out of the murky river that ebbs and flows this city
forget on
forcome on
forgo on
as without is sometimes with it
and a life
is definitely
nothing
that you get for a song or a dance


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| screams | in and out |
| :---: | :---: |
| traffic | of words |
| hard heel sounds | of worlds |
| screeching | of mysteries |
| wind of white collars leaving the City | off |
| water loo | the real |
| bridges the gap | cuff |
| loud dusk |  |
| laut | another day will die |
| night's on time | and an other night |
| double-decker bass | will bleed its darkness |
| rattling |  |
| honking lights | will belonging come home |
| lightning horns | with the crying of the sun? |
| barking pub doors | is there anywhere near |
| squeaking fe | to nothing |
| growling male | where life can be undone? |
| down dry throats inner city blues gulps | over an ocean of imagination |
|  | out in a desert of wheneverwhere |
| down | life becomes nothing |
| dry | but an empty line |
| throaty | seen from here |
| after all |  |

this noise
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Hercules 12x ad infinitum
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b. smart
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never b. done
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and $\quad b$. whatever they say under $b$.

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The burning rail tracks
Sparkling into another
Dimension where things Matter

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Dwindling morning dream
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Tra la perduta gente (Dante)

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Rap-sody
The rain is coming down
Notes and voices which
Make sense to the attentive
Listener
these words these leaves
these stains these grains
these seeds these needs
stripping the layers
peeling the skin
Notes and voices washing the pavement And stay and sip the scene Behind the curtain of this cheap-blue Sky
now the stream like a branch stretches its limbs to the line of the sea past the dam up to the opening of the free waters
'And always, beyond the pain - the river.' Iain Sinclair

## flowing <br> your

existence so carelessly passing away without afterthoughts of any sort

Is it this: bottles coins stones revelations of splinters and bright red bricks or levigated glass in all shapes and colours
the debris-memory of a river God?
you give and take in the quietness of your constant flow you pass and stay
all the same
all the way

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Another day
Has withered away
Sleepers in a Dream

Like world
Only the
waywarden whatnots wantall widemouthed while the world slowly whithers

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London: misty morning, 10 a.m

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- what a beast! -
filled to the brim of its bed - what a beauty! -
with the rims of life's wheels
the source of the Thames
is London
dark creature
illuminated dwelling
to so many worlds
the streets spell out the bricks know place mutters life rises and ebbs rises and ebbs flows and ebbs
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| person | expectations |
| :---: | :---: |
| + | are |
| angst | x angst ${ }^{\text {bears }}$ |
| life | death still needs an end |
| words ${ }^{2}$ | $\sqrt{\text { worlds }}$ |
| love | $\neq$ fear |
|  | (soul) |

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## London

Forever subsists
past the unbending sky and jitters of swift leptons
charging Westminster new heaven new earth
mixed towards futile vainglory
yet to come
the zeitgeist
beggar down there
cul-de-sac your thoughts
life waves its empty hat
a barren mind
a tunnel night
a moistened finger holing the sky
thunders and lights
try pity
try
why
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## What's nothing

no-thing
no-tree
no-animal
no-man
no-one
it stays still
through the metamorphosis
of time
and again
creeping nothing
seeping nothing
through the blossom
of life
this other thing
which does not withdraw you know
nothing
you hear
nothing
you feel
nothing
to make a path
of sense

Life
makes
sense:
Transient
Footprint
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'The true identity of London is its absence. '

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London Stone ages of City safety
even though Excalibur'd by
Arthur
and now jailhoused
in Cannon Street
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Lud town
London
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fleeting impressions
I've already been here before
meditation on
the light
come
in
I
Then,
In a corner of a café
The crevices
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scenery of the
day with turbines
slashing the grey duvet into halves every 40 seconds and carbon dioxide clouds foam ing from the runway of wet tarmac w here rubber wheeled engines growl and
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rubsody
rubbish
blue notes of dis-pair songlines post
modern
trash
lines the will to outlive the human for good ${ }^{5}$
a darkening halo around life
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| fear | A story does not begin |
| :---: | :--- |
| such a long way from home <br> where do I turn to <br> in my <br> be <br> wilderness <br> where's my backpack <br> courage | a story does not end |
| I wrapped into my skin | laylocks spread on |
| the surface of the sea |  |
| where is home |  |
| where oh me |  |

à la Monet patches and blots

Eyedrops of light
And
blood

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laylocks spread on
the surface of the sea

Lazy sails flapping
on the surface
à la Monet patches and blots

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screeching like a barren wind
through the course
of white collars leaving the City
Here stands Waterloo
Queen of the harlots bridging the gap of loud dusk thoughts.

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Spate-wash the trap, Ol'Man off squalor - swell up to the brim of Mother's skully orbs haul in to long forgotten tributaries never mind Your own wells nor your colours

I Father away
whatever is given
offer out into eternity
relicts, remains
bodies
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mory
some darkness precipitates
in word
world
life
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less
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me
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Reading Rumi 6 a.m.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { so fist } \\
\text { am bi } \\
\text { holey sea } \\
\text { no edge } \\
\text { bring the pizza } \\
\text { I'll do the water }
\end{gathered}
$$

free me from sophistication free me from ambition free me from the holy see of knowledge
pass me wine and bread

I
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I
I
therethere

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| piazza |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| small victorian | I |
| whitewashed houses | Vow |
| almost too normal | el |
| for the immediate vicinity of | Or |
| The Palace | Pill |
|  | ar |
| instead of old Spaniards | Or |
| smoking palavering walking | Wound |
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| 10.18 and 10.21 cabs rat-running | Be |
| 10.34 rubbish collection | fore |
| vinegar whiffs | The |
| (chipper 'round the corner?) | World |
| 4-lane traffic | Descen |
| on at least 3 sides | ding on |
| helicopters | A |
| (flying in executives?) | slope |
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year-
ring after ring
coming into its own
as only full grown trees
can
fall like wings

Ich liebe meines Wesens Dunkelstunden.
R.M. Rilke
darkness of my soul clocking love of my life ticking
world coming home
as a time limit to go crazy in this enclosure called be coming
words trying to bridge the hour glass of feigning existence eyes willing to spurt into jet lags of self...s
while our inner alarm clock
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papers

## LIKE A SPONGE HE SITS

AND WAITS FOR THE WORDS
TO COME ${ }^{\text {inspiration }}$

|  | Flood of lights <br> and |
| :--- | :--- |
| mourning nights |  |
| ceaseless plights |  |
| of darkest flights: |  |

Flood of lights
and
mourning nights
ceaseless plights
of darkest flights:

## ways from one to self

as the warm morning duvet
is bathed in a wave of coffee scent
the window-quadrant of sky
birds fill
whistle blue
traffic rubbers
sounds on toasts the kiss of love
is as heavy as
the door that opens
you
into
the world
what life could be will always keep going the self to one but where life is will one
self become.

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