

NEUROTRANSMISSION

Another static dream tactic – don't call me home with that tone; I get wistful when you don't call.

Remorse is a honey-tongued letter. *I'm traipsing along*, she wrote; the bar glistened weakly behind her sheen.

When the phone rings my memory triggers, trips along; a neurotransmission trips itself more real, filmic.

She whispers something and it sounds like someone thrashed all night and a caffeine lullaby, valium dream.

Guilt umbrellas skyward from the trepanation stream – kicked in the wit again.

Here is an abortive neurotransmission – cold like an octave drop, relentless like the dial tone.

SERPENTINE RECEPTORS

Medusal adjectival restraint binds us.
I have a nanotechnological pen.
This neurotransmission has been cloned
from a worn-out textbook worm.

Across the transmembrane structures
after countless intracellular transfers
decentralization and desensitization
occur and infer something sinister:

inevitably, receptors refuse to listen.

ASTROCYTES

Astrocytes feed neurons
talk metatrophic trash to axon and dendrite
alike, depolarize the glucose fix.

Astrocytes deal from glial cells
spread neuronal love all over, all
around, dole out strophes.

Astrocytes need bliss
want the highs of recognition and transmission
but, starfucking is an acquired agency.

Astrocytes sing lullabies
signal the saddest dormancy
so, this time it's terminal.

PSYCHOMETRICS

can only dream in certain psychometrics
make-believe downpour circumvent grammar

eyes always make turn-away faces
hello pale grey pills absentee pronouns

roll calling naming missing
hymn stealing rhythm to come into

down whisper basement don't own
or give away psyche or order imperative

marginal taste fervour devour suggest
not firmament spread out like praxis

these eyes that flicker dream sublimate
can only watch metre like a paralytic

these eyes are yours they turn away like
passengers carrying on without you

I watch you inattentive come home
calling dream certain windows certain

pills certain minor chords certain rules
certain signs assigned and subverted

you
present

TAKEUP 1

take up reading

a meandering dream lite

swallow on a neck

pandering stress

powder feels

underpaid plunderers

drip drips

a blender rip-off

homing comes

a coating of menthol

TAKEUP 2

reading

gaunt children hide in the neglected book stacks

sympathy

black-eyed susans wilt to the sound of a respirator

drivel

emotive sheet laced with inhalants, out of breath intoxic

coma

cigarettes expire on asphalt, trampled on by elders

powder

toxins spill on the dirty sidewalk home

TAKEUP 3

take up
the book

breathe in
a gasp of uptake

hello you
serotonin

take the
dream up

you have some nerve
you have some nerve

soma uptake
it's been a thrill

homing idiom
your body language

take up the drink
on the familial split jar

it's in your blood
it's in your blood

AGONISTICS

Strategic levels of agonists
Tangential levels of subjectivists

Stringent levels of athletics
Transient levels of subjunctivists

Malignant levels of constructs
Constrictive levels of triptychs

Metrical levels of clinicians
Cacophonous levels of treatments

DOPAMINE SONG

Dream.
Cut the tether
there.

Trill.
Let reverb last.
Plunge and purge.

Snap.
Let every neuron
fire and misfire.

Cut.
Underdress with a tourniquet.
Slam your way into sleep.