

THE GIFT-GIVER

is it that easy to change my life
CAN ANYONE BE FOG
GIVEN
FOR THIS KIND OF SHIT
like a
merry-go-round
you could write
or get it right
if you know what I mean

it's not like I can stay with you
all night
I'm playing the fool
doesn't anyone really look that wonderful
all the time

what do you call that
my freedom dance

what did you do
today
I crawled out of my rabbit hole
took one look at the world
and went back to sleep

how do you make money
with my printing press
I'm teaching other how to accept
my imprint
take this and you shall live
we could go somewhere

you're a nat'l
do you like to
laugh in the dark
I can't see a thing
you don't have to see
you just have to feel
I need to get a pen
I need to make some notes
what is my name

don't you need to

take a bath or something
I keep a record
of all the baths
or showers that I have in a day
it's all in my shower book
as long as you're still alive
you still have a nice body to get where you want to go

just say yes to all my questions
what do you want
my heart
it wasn't even that good

you can never be that good

you can never be that bad
scary

another day
another week
this is the day for great things
calling on myself
for a few great things

great things

I woke up
I looked at the sky
I crawled back in my hole
this is not looking good

you have the perfect face to make everything perfect
two faces
one for the public
and one for the private
perfect faces

words don't give out
keep the juices flowing
I won't give out

silhouettes flashed against the sky
just so you know your limits
to reach
and to touch

I'm OK
I don't want to sleep
don't think that your that special
anyone can read the story in the sky
am I doing something wrong
or am I missing something
that could be anyone's question

there goes my connection

what does this smell like
something spicy
or something sweet
the jam is boiling over
you know how much that means
the world is in a tizzy
and so am I

you know what you need
a good massage

I'm trying to forget about her
but if you want my advice
I'd get a life
knock knock
the door of opportunity

I am looking for the breaker of hearts
I need someone to break a heart
and tell me what is inside
the prize package

you can't let them do that to you
they just did

peel the banana
I've lost my way
really lost my way
and nothing seems to be working

lips are moving
winds are blowing
words are being repeated

there's something I want to say to you but I can't say it face to face

face to perfect face
perfect face to perfect face
so that's where you get all your great ideas
just kiss her and
shut up
how to catch a bad man
get him to do a bad thing
in a bad way

do you know how to leave
go away for good
disappear into the rocks
vanish into the wind

until I was awakened by the wind
there was nothing to say
now I feel as if I have been through a cataclysm
where am I going to find the time to describe all the things that I have seen
I could begin now
I could make lists
I could make the lists come to life
there is a magic in all this
you remember the
ROAR
that was part of you
and wasn't part of you
but took part of you
you remember
because I do
then
then it was taken from you
BOOM
and after that
and after that

I am trying to tell a bedtime story
without a bed
a river
things get muddy
do you know what the date is
a good time to begin again
I thought that someone might call
to disturb my silence
between the edges of time
I am listening for my time

when they will come for me
as in
IT IS TIME

I can do it quickly
do it quickly and then put it back in the box
as if nothing happened
I need a refund
I paid
but
at this time
I need a refund
it didn't do what I expected

we've been through this before
the things that you have to give back
all the wonders that you can do with water
bringing life
back to life

I can do it quickly
did it stop
did you stop
I know that you have some kind of angle here
something to make all the parts move together
this is an easy way to get rid of you
promise you something so fantastic
and when you come back to get it
it's not even there

that's why I demanded a refund
I screamed at the top of my lungs
give me what I am owed

I could have done it for free
then there would have been no confusion
like making the earth quake

you have a way with words
thinking that they can do so much
and they can
but it's not as if they can create life
they can't resurrect the dead

are you sure

have you repeated the magic words
let them rattle through the night
every word, a chain to another word and another word
string them all together
this is how you make people go out
make 'em go away
scare 'em with your powers

you knew that I had powers
but your only way to shut me down
was to get the wizard
to shut me down

did it work
it didn't work anymore
so it must have worked
that's the thing with the body
it is such a wonderful thing
you can make pretty much what you want with it
you can make
pretty much anything that you want
with it

if I had the powers that you have
I could do anything that I want
but I don't
you're not envious

I can't take so many bones around me
I just don't like to get so graphic
I'd rather do something more natural
like just fly a kite
have you ever seen a kite really sail up into the sky

I wasn't looking for a lecture on flying
some days I feel lighter than air
all it would take is a gust of wind to send me up there
I knew that you would understand
knew that you could share what I shared with you

are we going to finish in time
only if I lie about a few things
the name calling
the losing things
these are all signs of a deeper malady

before the clock strikes twelve
a little balance
things on things
hands on hands
I am making a breakthrough

just to get people prepared
you have to make shit up
it will get them looking for something real
and when it happens
like clouds brushing together
the spark
that's how life got started
they were working on something else
and it just happened
like the cosmic joke of the universe
only
who were they
AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW

have you figured out what was causing the pain
life in life
it is always like that
they are taking over
AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW
I feel really foolish
as if I was trying to trick you
that wasn't my intention
in the middle of the exhibition
something else struck my fancy
this feels like an autopsy
only I have to stand up
and get out of here
I am too sick
to tell you that I am too sick
do you know how that is
it's not as if I trying to hide something from you
more like I'm trying to hide something for you
for later
less like a favor
and more like a treat
a flavor
but not the whole thing
an announcement

I do feel really foolish
and then I don't
if I had hid something for you
from you
like a gift
I would have known
when to bring it out

we will finish
on time
in the nick of time
on time
a place to slip in the silences
slip on the silences

it was a rainy day
and you invited me over
and there were other guests there
they were eating all your food
and you offered me some
I had already eaten
do you want dessert
have the crumb cake
or the lemon surprise
just eat something
sometimes I want to shake you
just to know that you're human
I've never even seen you eat
and you come to my house all the time
and you watch us eat like we're some kind of freaks
it's not as if we live in a zoo
are you taking notes
I see your writing on your papers
are you taking notes
you don't eat
and you take notes
are we prisoners
your prisoners
how do we get out

it's simple
a quid pro quo
you tell me what I need to know
and I will let you go
on a as-needs-to-know basis

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU NEED TO WRITE DOWN

this is a confession
things I have said
things I left out
things about which I am sorry
things about which I wish I was sorry
if I feel guilty
I wish that I felt more pleasure
I really enjoyed none of it
so I have nothing to feel sorry about
I caused pain
but I didn't enjoy it
it hurt me
just as much as it hurt you

I am crying for you
I am crying for you
I am crying for you

do you call this a confession
you are blaming me
for the whipping
the beatings
the fear

all that happened behind the walls
I saw none of it
as far as I knew
you were all happy people

I want to know
why do you hate us
why do I deserve this
why are you doing this to me

you always take me to the worst movies
the people
they look like they bathe in mud
I want to see something really pretty for once
she's hot
she's hot
she's hot
pretty hot
that's what I want to see
everyone dancing together

one big dance
happy people
that's what I call a movie

and what do you call a confession
there is no absolution
until I get a full confession

this is a job
my job
you don't have one to speak of
and I do this for a living
I make the world go 'round
where do you come in
where do you come in

you called for a torturer
you called for a confessor
you called for the fog
of confession
I speak
in such illustrious detail
so that I can leave out the things that seem so ordinary
mediocre
tawdry
banal

I'll tell you anything that you want to hear
for a fee
I can make you feel better
for a fee

is this going to end soon
I want to finish at the same time as you do
the touch ends with the words
and the noises
shut the noises off
I hear all the sound
coming from the other room
screaming
but I don't let it bother me
it's not part of my job
I can't worry about what is going on in there
nothing substantial
just the wind blowing

twisting the air in different directions