

IF HE WANTS TO SAVE HIMSELF

who is talking
first it was the animals talking
then it was the food that was talking
who was talking
to the food
I am he
who wants to be saved
how I can turn my life around
how I can hear things that I never listened to before
how I need to fill time
so that I have no time
I only need to say
NO
he has to say
NO
is this a warning
NO
everything is OK
there is a point in my life where I thought
that I would have to stop myself
have to say something to myself
to make clear something to myself
the call of the wild
or the call of the call
a call on the phone
something to shut me down
it is me
he is the one
who needs to know about you
about me
about us
this is a warning
I hate you
hate your words
hate your ability to twist words
and think that
those are words
all that matters
is dinner
and sleep
everything in between is
a waste of my time
if I can find people who will pay

everything that comes before or after
has nothing to do with what comes before or after
when I say
SAVE ME
will you save me
he thinks that you will
save me
in what comes before and after
where will my life begin
again
somewhere where someone can say
come save me
save me
come on think about it
can you do anything to help me
save myself
what is saving
lifting me out of water
giving me a place to say
giving me a meal
telling me what I need to know
giving me strength of character
telling me what not to think
don't watch this movie
whatever you do
don't look at the screen
but there has to be more to saving
like saving for a rainy day
saving myself
or saving the best for later
this has nothing to do with what comes before or after
when you realize that you can say everything
and it is all the same as saying nothing
in this running dialogue with myself
don't look at the screen
knowing that there is a theme
getting to the theme
being out of control
about being in control
that is what I hate about you
you can't talk about anything
except talk about anything
whether it be a table
or a still life
I want to live the still life

I want to be the still life
I am pulling out my hair
I need to justify myself
just myself
I want to be saved
a moment just a moment
to be saved
I am warning you
you about him
he can't be trusted
that is why I left him
got away from him
but now he wants you
wants to do something to you
I am looking for a story
characters who can roust me out of my life
do you know how far I have come
to put it all in boxes
the important
and the less than important
THERE IS AN ANSWER HERE
and there is
but this may not be the answer
what I need to say
and where I need to start
it's just that
I AM NOT LISTENING
you needed me
to listen
and
I AM NOT LISTENING
you can't be saved
if no one cares
this is what I am trading you
calling in all your favors as my favors
what can I make you back
that you can't make back yourself
telling us what we already know
we are different
as snowflakes
and that difference doesn't talk differently to snowflakes
the snowflakes are silent to each other
they do not feel snowflake pain
what they feel
or feel for us

or let us feel in their place
is snowflake
pain
that is ours in the snowflake
that may be how
you can be saved
to put yourself
in the place of something
that cannot be more than it is
and you will be just what you are
going to work
being cold when you are hot
being hot when you are cold
that is all
hoping for what you are not
but striving to be what you are not
that could be a warning
of something coming to life
someone moving in next door
you
just moving out
I need help
to put it all away
to get rid of what is left
take it all
if you can get it
you can have it
take it all
and just put it away
put yourself away
I have been
how I have always been
and now that I feel
that the sky is falling
what more can I do
the sky is falling
can you feel what that means
do you know what it is to feel like that
here it comes
the sky
is falling
I need help
again
will you switch seats with me
is that all you need

OR

never

this is where I am

where I have been

why should I move for you

to save yourself the hassle

to save something about yourself
about your life

turn to you and say

we are alike

but that is not at all what he wants to say to you

we are alike to say

things to you

I need you to answer me

once and for all

turn to you

alike to turn

and say alike

we are all alike

we all need to be saved

this seat is saved

you can't sit here

that is enough

or too much

or a life too much

important things dates to remembered

this date is saved

we are touching a picture

but not seeing a picture

stepping back to see a picture

to see a date in time

I am a phantom

I need you to understand

that I am not like you

you need to be saved

he

needs to be saved

I am in the saving business

the business of savings

saving for later

is saving for now

how much can you put away

this is all that makes a difference

are you crazy

do you really think

that there is anyone
that you can save
there is no one
no one can be saved
no one will be saved
as long as everyone pays
everyone signs their name
signs up for the saving
he needs to sign up for the saving
that is how
how he can be saved
he looks like he needs saving
he looks as if he can be saved
are you the savior
to tap him on the shoulder
and tell him
you are the one
who needs to be what
he is
needs to be touched in a new way
wowed in a new way
this is all that I need to be saved
he is
and how
he is
in touch with his needs
like no one else
I can do that too
string together words
string together patterns
save myself the energy
save you by helping you save me
did you trip over
was it you
who knocked it over
you were the last one
to be in
to be into saving
that one failed to saved
but the next one
the next time
the he is saving
put me down for a trip
a savings trip
wowed in a new way

I need to be touched to be saved
it is not an idea
a water-washing
more like a touching
I am afraid
of drowning in the tub
the washing in the tub
getting washed down the tub
just washed away
getting away
more like touching away
that is what makes me afraid
afraid all the time
that I will come upon a touching
and I will not be able to pull myself away
I thought that I was closer
was closer
to touching
to a place where I could be saved
I am in a place
where I can be saved
it is too late to make the deal
to walk away
do they really want us all to walk away
are they working in tandem
one taking over from the other
one trying to walk away from another
here take more
I will
then I will just walk away
accept it for what it is
and then
just walk away
so much stuff to get done
yes
saying yes
to the yeses
how did I
tell myself that I could have been saved
I am broken
two part
he can still be saved
if he doesn't listen to you
doesn't listen to me
you can still be saved if you stop listening to him

this is so important
are you getting all this down
am I getting ahead of myself
I am really ruining this
I am becoming just like
I said that I wasn't going to be
if she would show me
a little more so
a little more so about myself
get it all down
get the broken parts down
glue things together
the glue is holding it all up
I am being held together
for what it is worth
and I will come back to myself
all broken up
I don't want to seem like a pest
I am a pest
none of this is going to happen
save yourself
glue yourself together
he is about to arrive
and I am about to go
to sleep
for what it is worth
you had that one chance
and you just lay there
you didn't do a thing to save yourself
he needs me
he needs you
he needs to do something about it
now is the time for him to save himself
you are caught in a circle of saving
and you can
you can get yourself out
this is big
bigger than you can know
on that day
you could have saved yourself
for later
for a time when you needed the cash
needed the strength
what is happening to you
what is happening to all of you

leave my name at the desk
and save yourself
the trouble
you don't even have to reach in to your wallet
all of it is paid
for
for
for
nothing
this is not going to happen like this
all of this is paid for
is this some kind of trick
are you messing with me
if you are
that is not a very nice thing to do
there is only one way out of this
I find that I am singing along
I don't think that I can even move
this is not happening
coming to nothing
it is all going to start again
I am afraid for you
if you can't save me
save yourself
go on without me
everyone else
for everyone else
it would be easy
no one would have to run away
every time
you ran away
to a bigger pleasure
I can tell
that there is not enough time
for you to get to the end
for you to finish
I want my time back
you didn't save it
so it is gone
I can put up the money
IT IS UP TO YOU TO SAVE THEM
what do you really want to say
that I can do something in my life that really means something
do you have the means
what do you really want to say

that I can help
that if it were up to me
I could do something about it
I can't
I need to sell myself better
I wish that I could you for a day
could get it all straightened out
pull all the stitches tight
if I could make magic
this is my job
making magic
we will all happen together
you can do the job
when you
can't do the job
I can do that
I can smile all day
I have been smiling too much
telling people too much about myself
that won't hurt
I just need to stop
I can wait around
I can wait around
am I the one
who can wait and wait and wait
are you a little cracked
do you need someone a little cracked
to hang with
to break with
can't put it back together
about gluing
being honest
not being honest
just sticking together
as if we could pull it all together
mash it all back together
what do you want me to be
all these people want me to be what they think I want to be
how would they know
what you said
I can't save you
I told him
that I couldn't save him
he still hoped
hoped against all hell

do you know what I am really doing
where I can find people who can do what I am really doing
I can't even keep up with the people that I know.
How will I ever be able to save anyone else?

I can't.

As the picture becomes clearer, it becomes clearer for me
what I can and can't do. Sometimes I really that it isn't
very much.

Sometimes
that is what he says
that very much
is everything.