

SUPER MARKET

I never know if I've escaped another blow
or I am only deeper in the shit
after a GREAT EVENT
you are giving me the jitters
in this place
on the shelf
in this package
we have to smooth over the disasters
act
as if nothing has happened
get them to open their wallets
break their piggy banks
once the damn thing is broken
it's going to take a hell of a lot of glue to get it back in order
are you reading any of this
hearing any of this
you need to know where the case is going to be filed
you will need legal representation
this may be the last step of the whole process
but
if you are not prepared
you could be wiped out too
like all disasters
a well-formed strategy will allow you just to walk away
you have never been so far away
how are you going to use your words to make it back
TRUST ME
I did
even miracles need a corporal sign to sustain their presence
even a slick trick
needs presents to sustain its illusion
we could start again
make up new words
rejuvenate our bodies
who is making the cash
what is going on here
THE DOOR IS CLOSED
I know enough not to lose my key
but is that really enough
this is costing a lot more than I thought it would
I just want to make it back
to a point that I can still remember my name
I still think that I can help

I can make the past sizzle
I can make the present sing
I can bring you all presents
a lamp for you
I can light the room
turn on the light and I can see your face
you will need new words to help you to stand erect
to save face
not to
lose your way
do you have some words that will
do the trick
once there was a girl who thought she could help
TRUST ME
I am learning about trust
how to make it all come together
I need to learn
there is learning to be
DONE
do you have any candles
you can fill this place up with lamps
but for the moment
there is no electricity
we don't have a licence
you have to make your own
electricity
I spent all this time getting back to the body
TRUST
and now it is only a body of words
or the words of the body
which ones do you
KNOW
I feel that you are taking advantage of things
of words that you already knew
knew what they would do
old poems
phrases that worked together before
after you say them all
what more can you say
you realize that you have played too far
played too far
that becomes the new you
and the old you
is nowhere to be found
nowhere to play

the way that it did
play
we have a script
we made the movie
made the movie work
they made the movie too soon
jumped to all these conclusions
I don't like how it looks on screen
they have made me into
a monster

I never acted like that
was like that
never bit like that
never got bitten like that
who gave you teeth
let you do that

THAT IS OVER
GOOD

what do you have
a haunting
a howling in the night
let your imagination run wild
let your reality go wild
the two are not quite the same

GOOD

that is over

now the most eventful part of my life is a trip to the grocery store
a sale

clipping coupons

making lists

planning recipes

what can you do if you are alone

if you are with somebody

but it feel as if

you are alone

this soup

are you going to eat it

I made it for you

I spent all day making it for you

are you going to look at any of this

and acknowledge it

THANKS

for the memories

water under the bridge

THANKS

for making the bridge worthwhile

THANKS

for giving us an attraction

once there was a river

THIS CAN BE

a dangerous place

you have to move quickly

say little

don't look anyone in the eye

back on aisle one

this is where we begin and end

load up our carts

load up our brains

this is how it's going to be

it is going to take miles and mile and mile and miles

just to make it back

we could start right here

get some markers and construction paper

THIS IS DAY ONE

we need a name

let our brains pretend

give our brains a jolt

we have been doing this jumping up and down thing over and over again

miles and miles and miles

we still aren't there

are you

working on a bad reputation

this is very very small place

what was private and you

is public

it has flown away on its own

and you can't do a thing about it

you can investigate all that you will

YOU WILL NEVER FIND OUT

my name

I have sources

sources with souses

souses with spouses

spouses with money

money with honey

bears on vacation

ants on sensation

fools on frustration

where do we go now

NEXT AISLE

there are people at home who are trying to keep track
they don't want to feel the danger
they don't really want to get dirty
but they will get dirty
if they feel it is in their interest
time to spend a few bucks
time to put it out for sale on the sidewalk
time to close all the doors
who is working and who is out on the street
working
there is work here
grab a broom
grab a dust pan
am I still alive
where did that come from
where did you come from
you made it in
all made it in
I can't stop you
can't help
any of you
NO ONE
LEAVE ME ALONE

the ruckus has subsided
everything back on the shelves
I almost took a tumble in the supermarket
WHO IS THERE
who is there to help me
left my purse in one of the aisles
I was never very far behind
you shouldn't think about such things
MOVE ON
you shouldn't think about such things
can you save me
think about it
I did that
I did that
I did that
I did that
can you save me now
I did that
I did that
I did that
can you save me now

get a cart
fill it up
who is going to pay for it
we are selling ideas
you face
we need to stop history in its path
I can't leave the house
I have discovered something
who is going to fill it up
snacks
SNACKS
beyond lunches
snacks
I found you
found your address
found who you were with
I CAN HELP
munch on this
that could be dinner

all at the dinner table
what do you have to say
what do you have to say for yourself
do you want to sit down and eat with us
this is where it is all heading
I just need a place to hide
my face is dissolving
I am melting
it is terrible
but
I am melting
FOR A LONG TIME
I thought that I could not speak
I could not speak my own language
now I speak so well
I can be funny
I can make you laugh
NONE OF THIS IS FUNNY
get on with it
you needed to be reading a long time ago
keeping up with yourself as you went along
now you are out
just out of it
out of your head
out of breath

out out
brief moment
ZING
magic
you made it all disappear
as if nothing
EVER
happened

The first time out, I was actually trying to tell a story. The story of a bar fight. If you've seen such a moment ignite, it is like a wild fire. Not a punch here or there, or people getting pushed. This is something way beyond that. Nothing that you can really control unless you get deep inside and pull the plug.

Pull the plug
the air is jetting out
I can't breathe
one breath or two
shortness of happening
skipping beats
what are you betting on
the river not drying up
this is going to get very very messy
muddy muddy
a mud bath
are you in
in the loop
what is a loop
and where will it go
where is any of this going
you can tell me
where to go
what to do
but can you really help me now
check to see that you have all your coupons
that you really have yourself together
is that all that it takes
to stop in midstream
BY BY
goodby
TREMORS
did you feel that
BY BY
I'm just going out for a little while
there are some things that I need to pick up
like the earth
let's play earth toss

catch
what if you really were at the top of the world
would anyone
anyone
believe it
SHAKE
did you hear that
I am getting the jitters
are you afraid
what are you going to do to me
nothing that you haven't already done
to yourself
we aren't all going to the same place
so what if we complain when the boat starts to rock
quit rocking the boat
sinking is not an option
why would we want to be out here like this
brigands all
you have captured us
brigands all
we need to reverse the order
change the words and around
and we can change the lives around
unwind
and then rewind again
there are all kinds of things that you can do with your hands
do with rope
do to yourself
stop yourself from doing
at what point do I sound desperate
will you step up
step in
I can say enough
get going
go at this the way I need to
I have a plan
have you seen my plan
words
words that got going
got away from me
what do you think that I am saying
saying in spite of myself
you better do it with words
not with words
with what

did you smile at me
could I catch you in my hands
toss you somewhere else
to another
open arms
I WANT YOU ALL TO OPEN UP
open your arms
to catch
I am tossing something your way
today is the best day
to start it all again
to stop it all again
fill the bags and boxes
get it all out of here
whew!
these words
SHOW
on my face
the face show
I am learning how to create a new face show
you don't really understand
do you
not all associated
freely
we are going somewhere
driving
and I have to disorient you
so that you don't say
stop
I don't want to go there
STOP
I don't want to go
twisting the words 'round and 'round
until they say
what I want
what I need
you can't make me love you
you can't make love
make you love me
I saw you go in the super market
and come out as someone else
one of the mysteries of life
do you get dressed to come here
no
I am here in my pajamas

can't you be serious about anything
it's about the people that I hope to meet
I thought that it might be different
that I might
find a new place
to go
we could go along
go together
or take separate cars
do you care
can you care
will you care
can you pay
IT ALL FITS
it's meant to fit together
have you figure all that out
that is what I wonder
what is next
do you know how long it takes
to ask the question
WHAT IS NEXT
then the what
of what is next
coming up next
do you think that we could share
share a cab
share a life
is that all that it takes to make me happy
I can watch TV and ask
is that all that it takes to make me happy
look at me
do you really like this shit
is that all that it takes
to make me
anew
anew
words and hands
words for hands
watch the moving hands
hide the unmoving hands
it shows on your face
don't weep
you can't know me
SHUT THE FUCK UP
can you really know me

know me as I have been
go into another face
did you see how I did that
neat trick
is that all you have to say for yourself