

cracking through the structures of the mind.... the archaics begin
the archaics begin
to crawl out
to crawl all over me.
their appointment was never made
and cannot be canceled
or postponed
or scheduled
or given a false address.
the archaics.
then...
gods breeding cattle under the horned moon.
goddesses with amulets and charms in wild strands of tangled hair.
spirits...
inanimate spirits.
human spirits.
animal spirits.
spirits dancing.
coastal spirits.
settlement spirits.
wandering homicidal spirits.
pacing inmate spirits.
communal fire spirits.
food gathering spirits.
hard domination spirits.
dream spirits.
death house spirits.
victim spirits.
scavenging pack spirits.
homeless foraging spirits.
lawless spirits.
chanting spirits.
procession spirits.

sharecropping spirits.
herding spirits.
tracking spirits.
unresponsive outcast spirits.
planting spirits.
hunter spirits.
sweating spirits.
homesteading spirits.
otherworld revenge spirits.
end of the line migrating spirits.
scenting spirits.
transcendent things.
things that will never transcend anything.
exiles in the lake of souls.
broken bridges over the lake.
nothingness with feet.
wild aspects.
wild insistence.
the wild loves of the unloved.
things so wild that we create religion.
disembodied visions embodied.
shamans with creature pets.
evil eyes in intertidal dreams.
instincts at work.
instincts not working at all.
instincts like oiled wrestlers killing each other
with body slams
overhead drops
throws shattering bones
illegal kicks buckling knees
face bitings tearing out parts of the cheek
eye gouges with fingers and thumbs.
instincts

conspiring in the root cellars.
coming up the stairs.
wearing crowns coming down from the skies.
small blind crazy snakes shedding skin.
sorcery in the dark forests.
prophecies in the mouths of wild crows.
secret effigies with secret messages.
back of the room lurkers at a mystical conversion.
the forced confession of symbols.
things that do not show up for confession.
they all begin to crawl
crawling through me and crawling with me.

they all begin to crawl.
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