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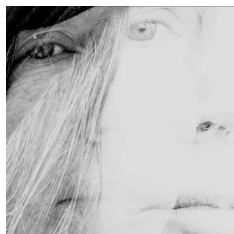
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relaxing in the unknown

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question
marks



not knowing
is most intimate
-dizang

part 1 openness 6 | **part 2** humanness 34
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part 1 openness

riddle of panarces in plato's republic:

There is a story that a man & not a
man saw & did not see a bird & not
a bird perched on a branch & not a
branch and hit him & did not hit
him with a rock & not a rock



the nature of your exile



? loss of what you thought was home
a place a people an innocence
even the center of what you thought was yourself
disorientation to find it gone
perhaps you are larger now
what served yesterday as center
became the suburbs
and you
a dot of light in the womb of the universe
wrapped in your grandmother's handkerchief
the one with tatted lace
she still keeps in the sleeve of her sweater
all humans are born premature
suckle milk from cracked vessels
vast as space
intimate as an orphan bird
asleep against your neck
feathers woven with your hair

a somewhat something moving dreamlike



on a fading road



? there in the firs where the foxes
dug their neat cushioned bed
to sleep hidden
beneath heavy boughs
i found my way by accident
afraid my scent
would frighten them
yet still i stayed
in that wild sweetness
intimate under trees
where no human goes

wild mysterious sweetness

just for now

? just for now don't lament
the loss of species
not when these crazy
pink and orange flowers
explode like fireworks
on the green bush
each blossom a party
even as things die
even as the sky growls
flicks tears from its clouds
it has always been this way
spotted owls don't despair
they grow feathers and fly

things ripen in their own time and the

questions don't get answered, they just change



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