

Partisans

- I. present perfect progressive
- II. future perfect
- III. simple present
- IV. past perfect
- V. present progressive
- VI. future progressive
- VII. simple past
- VIII. past progressive
- IX. present perfect
- X. simple future
- XI. future perfect progressive
- XII. past perfect progressive

I.

Through weeks of exchanges
of speech

(and not only speech)

Between persons
toward objects

Between products
toward futures

At a time *like* this
but of the past
toward up ahead -- here
up ahead -- here

Worlds

As in a tangled net

These attempts at inquiry

as blades

Or treats

perhaps

as samplers

of wordwork

For handlers

of wordwork

Albeit

muster

spite

(if not comedy)

An extracted surplus

does

go somewhere

A surplus

transforming

does

cause something

Who's been verbing

around noun-fields

Flouting history, rambling spleen'd

< a sign of Timidity >

Fumbling segues, trancing sex'd

< a sign of Banality >

Spouting ethics, shunning touch

< a sign of Celebrity >

Sorting concepts, draping needs

< a sign of Obscurity >

Been reading "world"

through shards, reflexive

famed "fragments"

(as *compelled* to)

Non-collective

petty

rebellions

Nevertheless

how could one have them translate

another's

mine to yours

yours to mine

ours to theirs

theirs -- to who's?

(and why would one care to know)

Collective Desire

Consider

what can be sparked

by something like

how have you been?

how have you been

is an initial

seemingly containable

question / greeting

Been

II.

By the time it runs its course

is hastened to

I will have died

is what he said

not a head

honcho

but minion

of the movement

It

saddled by an it -- "its"

as against

Dual-Courser

Has flung condos

and slums

into existence

Has wrung seers

and censors

into collusion

Through and through

Willed yet will-less

Myself

between some self

between...

By the time this all gets sketched, typed

circulated, confiscated, allocated

celebrated, denigrated, reiterated

obfuscated, recuperated, activated

it will have lost its gain

so to speak

will have had to begin

again

between

And when some other minion said

stop! can't it all stop

for a moment?

that was high comedy

idealist tragedy

And now he's waiting for the same

time

as me

for it to oscillate

with its it

Will congregate

To differentiate

Hasten it

though it can't be

Hasten it

to arrive

to reveal

as it must be

hastened

Toilers facing bankers

realists approaching mystics

referents clasping referents

By the time its course is run

it might have forced an us from them

a them from us

a me from you

a you from me

Renegacy

Legitimacy

in close

III.

Startled minds

startle tongues

A day

State rises

dreamspace fills

A when a structure's revived

begins roving

it can speak

through us

even as

materially-abled

rejection

of itself

is detained

at moments

Breaks out

I wanna go

with you

I wanna be

there

A when the news beckons

hourly

a glimpse of us

as terms of theirs

on *their* turf

delocalized

But to remain

open still

unto events

Inwardly

stories stirring passions

to be retold

Outwardly

agents stripping referents

of their rank

A when a strike strikes'em

blind

makes'em see

makes *us* see

something different

Breaks out

[notice this is not neuropsychology

nor some genetic

functionalism

to tag-type]

A day

regular wordworking day

unlike any other

startled comes

startled goes

Who'd want to be unclothed before it

not bashfully mute

unto other's

haplessness

(being now

contained

by such haplessness)

A when?

A something

For the love

of *what?*

sayers

say something

about it all

yet not all

as one

but by poignant parts

conjoining

startle us

IV.

Had flipped

had flopped

True like false like can like can't like will like *flunked*

Metaphysiconia

during the bad years

Climbers

as writers were

Capers

as pieces were

Had ossified

on the cliffside

the peaks

gleaming

Agent (cy)

Flip-flop

had said enough

(was led to)

could not a purpose more

It balked

it revulsed

it said *pretty please*

but no cigar

So back to irony-ville

petty bourgeois-ville

round and round

eclectic hectic and peptic

during the bad years

the lean and mean ones

Wasn't

said class hadn't

prepared

for the wide divide

(its own demise?)

Agent (cy)

A tugging toward the proles

or

a trailing behind the B

Must unlike want unlike like unlike *don't*

A long-since prepared stage

the not-so rehearsed script

Hadn't felt it so?

hadn't spoken it

When OR

cometh

OR

in their midst

like the trojan horsey

dreaded moment for metaphysicals

to split

to charge

to position them

this way

or that

Oh ya, we'd smoked a good cigar together

that evening

not a cloud was hovering
though a few planes were gleaming
and if I remember correctly
or if you might

The reign of OR was on the horizon

The horizon of the reign of OR
spoke through us

V.

Flight streaks

linger

as hopes

vary

from person to person

as longings drift

unstructuringly

Distant

Unable to materialize

completely

Though nothing *seems* unmediated

by matter

Like when an *us*

was muttered

But that isn't the matter

at hand

Commandism

got out of hand

I mean I apologize

Partisan

This May the second

A night

unhurried

How might we speak our vulnerabilities

without reduction?

Aphasia

perching

Months upon months

stacked up

From a regulated *outside*

compressing

couplets

To touch

a numbed *inside*?

Catalyzes

into a look

(it is unmeasurable)

"a look"

I can't quite

into the eyes of force

just now

refracting

steadily

this night

progresses

It is nearing

song.

Oh that we could keep it away

just long enough

to discover

its inabilities...

It is receding

song.

Oh that we could reel it in

just long enough

to alter

its operation...

It is overdistending
threatens

the bonds

that brought us

this far

It is commemorating

resistance?

VI.

Then --

postcards, phone-calls, e-mail

or chats in the still shocking flesh

in "leisure-time"

or between labor-time

wedged in

Exchanges

World's worlds

transacting

Breakdowns

or build-ups

Of means

(procured specifically)

towards ends

(reached variously)

Theoretical accounts

emotional balances

Cliches, exhaustions, quasi-innovations

Approaches to The Concrete

at times

less than viable

Yet at times

historically-soluble

ways

of going

on...

of joining

with...

for...

Social-volition (then) as currency (then)

(to barter)

Fettered-life (then) as the exchange-rate (then)

(leveling)

WHAT WILL CAPITAL'S CULTURE BE TIMING (then)?

he'll or she'll

meet up with you

at twos *only*

by threes ending

only on tuesdays

the second one of each month

during the fall

but *call* twice or thrice

to confirm...

WHAT WILL MANUFACTURED SPACE BE DEFINING (then)?

static subtexts

to a resigned poetics?

But to dream *now*

of something

that isn't that...

Ambling, listlessly

say around a city square

when suddenly

a stranger approaches

unpredictably

begins to weave

an evening

of pasts, presents and futures

of institutions

along a sidewalk of history

startles you

to act

sounding

summerwordworkerwares

wrought cheaply, traded fairly...

WHAT WILL HIGHLY-PROCESSED SUBJECTIVITIES

-- AS PART OF A SOCIAL SURPLUS

-- NEWLY INVESTED

BE SAYING

ABOUT DOING

BE DOING

ABOUT BEING

(then)?

When all we might have

might be less than *we*

to begin with

VII.

CREDIT

Cut off --

"so

on your way!"

held

(were you?)

(in and around old '96)

The white luck of markets

deliberate odds

emptiness?

No universal luxuries

to poeticize here

Rationing then was for calm

Rationing now is for rage

ORGANIZATION

Gauntlets of indictments

to speak through

(did you?)

MEMORY

what's missing

pressing

meaning

(little as a neutral concept)

They began with

what they had

was changing

Institutional Agreements

canceled

at the drop of a hat

the rate-of-profit hat

still falling...

dragging with it

you too

activist

Began with clues

or rumors

of consensus

were accumulating

are dispersing

What person

couldn't sense force

aimed at their body

was likely ill

What person

couldn't free words

dictated by force

was likely...

(here

in and around old '96

merely)

(and not so merely

did they falter)

WORDWORKERS

everyone

plugged

away

being taken

MEMORY

what's left

spend it

like there's no...

[sundriedflower lit by the math of

by the smiling mock

by the penury

of our predicament

called]

TOMORROW

And she said *rout'em*

or call'em

as they are

can you

such an excess

of allurements

were suffusing

as intended to

him

a body

desiring objects

representative of...

Complicit continuum of inattention

To other bodies

deaf

in relation --

Objects?

often cloaked --

Subjects?

barely thrive --

By breaths per hour

per mass-work units

Through years

Through shelvesfulls

of impulses

that came to...

So that archivists of scarcity

were amending

mutuality

Consciousness

of mutuality

"Literature" ?

in a country

that came to...

Were alerting

the over-alerted

Were assuaging

the over-assuaged

Pock-marked face

of purpose

cock-eyed glare

drunk

with allurements

-- wanna look?

-- wanna fuck?

-- wanna buy?

(wanna

wanna?)

Transnational Imagery -- creeps

1000 dollars per second

urging

...or shut it out altogether, she said

to him

him deafened

by it

and to it too

in part

"it"

unbinding

a sequence

of signs

these

Those objects, she said, subjectify one

in part, scatter you

A...was *-ing*

Per hour, per...

were *-ing*, down (ward)

-ists of 1, 1, 1,

one more

is too much

now

IX.

Rove

at the margins

To reinforce force

quite free

To care

the devil (a bourgeois) may

Imbedded

as it is -- is dead

Having *not* dreamt

but lived it

And body -- the trope

of *that* decade

Preserved the-one

as still one

A while longer

a while longer

In motion

and outmoded

To sound dynamic

because stumped

Having *not* needed one

but got one anyway, -- I

Be wary of

that self, marked

By the World Bank

accounted for

Surprise!

every five years or so

Canonized perhaps later

the biz -- Lit.

Crumbs -- words

as meaning builds

Careers?

Innovation Inc.

Fine distinctions they'll dance to

though WEDGE won't (now)

Having been positioned thus

closing in

And why not

partisans

So *so* democratic

postmodern muzzling

Having been fitted

having been summoned by it

In the present (but *of* the past)

the subject

We've, as a *has been*

or stand in -- for

Now? A muffled yet pressing now --

meanwhile

Not the signifiers as meddled with merely

as change

The merry days of metonym

values

In motion

and outmoded

Poly-this and poly-that

"openness" "indefiniteness" "continuance"

Having been centralized

have served

Having not been spoken of as such

has rooted

That decade -- by strands

straining

Other rovers -- at the margins

creep

X.

Crawls

through time

through space

real and defined

(lock and key)

By power strung

retracting

springs

flowers and stones

flowers and stones

To apprise -- stroke -- pelt

to collect us

Lurks

At the dawn

of every workday

Transverser

(I once called it Arbiter

not from 'knowledge'

but *need*)

Between you and I -- it

keeps vying

toward *we*

Between we and they -- it

comes up swinging

toward there, *up* there

Will be wrestled-over

An over-all dictatorship

of the means

Back on the table

Back *at* the table

Vyers

for time

for space

Lives

to be read as

who-has-what-how

can-do-what

to-who...

-- and is it a matter of some special genre

ailing considerably

tenacious stays conditioned moves

reveals

as it obscures

ultimately

craps out

stoops before force

the dazzling brightness

of realism

returns

for a last stint

tattered

fettered

committed

Crawls

through reams

through dreams

Duty

Someone will ask to be relieved
of words

Someone will ask to be allowed
to relieve someone
of words

Nothing will answer

The present
will be seen up the way
turning the corner

Escaped icons
dashing through the volume of it all

XI.

So I'm facing faces

as I recite this

as I'm looked at

quizzically?

toward yourselves too

What clues

to what future

between us

aesthetically glazed

prismatically glows

(each one

splits it

as it gleams

through)

"How's it going?"

In the broadest sense

modest

In the socialist sense

a start

"How's it going?"

Seven pronouns

to reckon with

Gleam...

Violet dispersements

Indigo estrangements

Blue privations

Green awakenings

Yellow aspirations

Orange exhilarations

Red oscillations

Imperfect abstractions

up ahead

to synthesize

He, She, You, I, We, They

But by then

what will have been reifying it

what will have been reconceiving it
A-Life

that anti-fact fact

creature

with its appetites

for each

other?

TIME NOW IS OF THE GREAT ALLIANCES

Having run out of time

by then

who will have been forestalling it?

Readers

as agents

To face faces

as with a stubbed toe

to be

some several minutes

unavoidably

bodily

Pre-real

Post-real

In and out of representation

claimed spaces

overlapping

"From my body to other bodies

Angels and bastards interchangeably"

Zukofsky, from A-12

valued still

here

As against

The set relations

XII.

Inversed

as was known to be

Whenever uttered

it appealed

As a whole

had sight

However permanent-seeming

was tenuous

Or remnants

that were found

Or loadstone

that was sought

Or self

that was lost

Came

this timed-speech

not by clock-ticks

but wellings up of...

The effects of numerous rebellions

at different levels

compounding

Shockwaves

Inversed understanding

Inversed platitudes

(The rumblings or schemes of "heart"

or of "sun" or "blades of grass"

if you want

need that language

partisan)

It was back when

foul air drawn in

gave life

was as yet "ineffable"

some me

adjudged it

speakable

though it wasn't --

though in some way

remained ready?

Peruser

Analyst

Erotic

Ideologic

Projecting

Claimer

Reckless

Specific

Ventriloquy

Qualmless

Renamer

Surveying

Stumbling

Hopewardly to sight

Chanceably to gain

World

That had it not been for

Outright Coercion

where would've

"imagination"

gone

if not how could've

it

had been

Gathering

Legitimacy

as a cloud

It was back when

it was raining

acridest negation

Of a paralytic set up:

producers vs. producers

Had it been heading there

all along?

It

could've been

otherwise

can be

