

SOME VERSIONS OF

There is no reason a poem would begin
with reference to the territory
with refrains to be used by all sides

No reason a poem would begin if
and only if or with refrains
for a territory already conquered

Invincible a shining example
of immediate environs of damage and
its image there is no reason a poem

Would begin the woods are white and black
green leaves blue at certain hours or
the woods differed a poem beginning

You the thing at either end of a gun
sundown or colony would begin as aftermaths
of persons no reason in or by a flow

Of pronouns of pronouncements of capture
a poem would begin as a play
of there is and drift away no reason

A poem would begin we brought all lights
home with us were porters at borders
in a day done slowly away with

No reason a poem would start
by censoring my shame or yours
at having a country or of the others

Would begin as expressive acts stills of time
headed in all directions in wartime or peacetime
solitary avoidable while snow fell

Would begin I am is asleep in the afternoon
returns to apartments waits in a change
steadily flashing would begin by describing

Continuous endless materials states of sky
neither mine nor someone else's epic fragments
neither beginning nor not no reason a poem would

Begin so much and so more or she hummed to himself
of the many forces these and other nights
of the things selflessly explained

As snow or fire no unreal season
a poem would begin by stating
by steadily flashing as utopia

Transmits its coordinates utopiates
headed in all directions no reason
the mean of a life and a moment is

The standard working day the mean of a life
and falling asleep the whole of summer
no reason a poem would begin

A whole day before winter whole summers before night
would be gone by night or touched lightly
in the dark would be abandoned there

Would be gone by not having come
would come to be used by all sides
would begin with reference to refrains