

Variant Lines
And Other Poems

Excerpt

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Preface

The poems in Part 1 use lines by other poets as their starting point. The poems used mostly appeared in 1990s poetry magazines, such as 'Terrible Work' and 'Object Permanence', and 'Oasis'. The only exception is 'Swanage Festival of the Arts 1993', which uses a couple of poems in a collection published by that festival. In all cases authors are identified by initials.

'Angelica' first appeared in the collection 'Herbarium' (2012), edited by James Wilkes. 'Taken', 'Dead', 'Name' and 'Like an Angel's Like' were all included in 'Poetry and Revolution' (2012), edited by Steve Wiley and William Rowe.

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PART 1

Variant Lines

You

you and you
 you and you
and you and you
 and you
and by you
 me by me

me by me
 me by you
me by you
 and by you
and you
 and you and you
and you and you
 and you and you
and you and you
 you and you
you and you

you and you
 you and you
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you and you
 you and you
and you and you
 and you and you
and you and you
 and you and you
and you and you
 and you and you
and you and you
 and you
and by you
 and by you
and by you
 me by you
me by you
 me by me
me by me
 me by me

(Variation JW)

Another Flower

flower	then another
another flower	a flower
flower	then another
another flower	a flower
flower	then another
another flower	a flower
flower	then another
another flower	a flower
flower	then another
another flower	a flower
flower	then another
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then another flower	a flower
then another flower	then a flower
then another flower	a flower
then another	then a flower
a flower	a flower
then another	then a flower
a flower	a flower
then another	then a flower
a flower	a flower

(Variation SM)

Wave

a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe
maybe a wave
the same maybe the same

the same maybe the same
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave

a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe
maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe the same
the same maybe the same
the same maybe the same

the same maybe the same
the same maybe the same
the same maybe the same
the same maybe the same
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
the same maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe, maybe a wave
maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave
a wave maybe a wave

(Variation RH)

PART 2

Other Poems

Leninist Dialectics
For Les Ford

1.

yes is yes
answer is the answer
if the ears
if your ears
and not your legs
and not your legs

legs your legs
and not your legs
and not your legs
and not your ears
and not your ears
if your ears
if the ears
if the answer
if the answer is the answer is yes
answer is yes
yes is yes
legs your legs

2.

a river and a river
a river and the drops
a river and the drops in this
and the drops in this river
the drops in this river
the position in this river
the position of every river
the position of every drop
the position of every drop
drop of every drop

3.

square as square
not as round
not as round
the sun as green
the sun as green
but as black
but as black
not as a tree
not of a tree
the leaves of the leaves
the leaves of the leaves
the leaves of a tree
the leaves of a tree
not of a tree
not as a tree
not as black
not as black
but as black
but as black
but as green
but as green
the sun as green
the sun as green
the sun as round
the sun as round
not as round
not as round
not as square
not as square
square as square

4.

iron and iron
wood and night
wood and night
day and white day
and white
black
and between black
my senses between my senses

my senses between my senses
my senses between black
my senses between black
and between black and white
black and white
day and white day
and white day and night
day and night
wood and night
wood and night
wood and iron
wood and iron

Thesaurus Poems

1. Silence

a squeak
not a squeak
sound
not a sound
not a silence
not total silence
silence
total, perfect silence
silence
perfect, uncanny silence
hush
uncanny, deathly hush
silence
deathly, deathlike silence
silence
deathlike dead silence
silence
dead, awful silence
silence, awful silence

2. Motionlessness

airless death
airless as death
still as a mouse
still as a mouse
quiet as a statue
quiet as a statue
still as frozen
still frozen

3. Dying Day

rattle death
rattle breath
death
dying breath
gasp
dying last gasp
last last breath
last last breath scene
last death scene
last words
death words
last words
final words
confession
final confession

4. Pitfall

an nest
an hornet's nest
a hornet's
den, a lion's den
a lion's
reed to a broken reed
trusting to a broken grass
trusting in the grass
snake in the snake