

*excerpt from, an anecdotal history of eugenics*

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u paw through uniform containers of spice in the cabinet: cumin, cinnamon, cloves, allspice, nutmeg, cayenne; black peppers the cabinet where one container eviscerated & u daydreamimpose claret, a potpourri of spent scarlet spice that litters, mingles unhingedunheaded

another—date-faded, unopened, from the now-closed Rich's (spend more, save less)—the incrimination of mature, useless, shifty, just-taking-up space too much: u find spice u disremember, never used, peculiarity of seasoning, of name; peel the label, obfuscate, denude what resides within

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this isn't a reference for al  
might | e a se into u  
just need a skōsh (unmeasurable, undefined & certainly, never delineated)  
mustard

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hidemeld those unwanted

what to do with the unwanted/imperfects

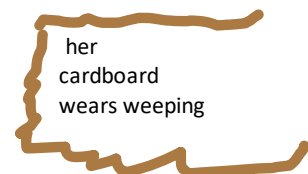
peppered across each county, narrow roads, blaring horns, the froth & foam of habitation  
exist these others (see previous explanation of unwanted)

where do u go when mentally ill, indigent, cognitively or physically impaired, diseased,  
deaf, seizure-prone, blind, criminal

most bury their heads, pretend we don't

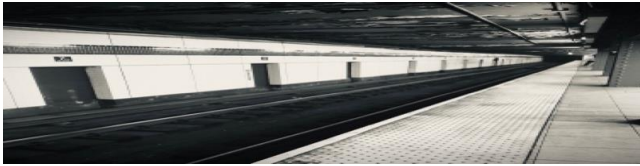
exist

this  
shiver plea



her  
cardboard  
wears weeping

u r packing to see \_\_\_\_ in another State. state being transitory: infant sucking thumb,  
smooth saliva that coats & soothes, gums intention &;  
each silken worry wrestles anomaly dependent; more than their share, more than their  
share



u drove by. her. u drove. by the side of the road she stood. brown smudged over  
coat & a too-big hat. carded, ripped piece. blotch of warmth wrestling wind.

state the obvious: what does it mean to drive / walk by, turn your head, not speak, not  
even answer.

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was there dis/ease or was it, is it, in the eye of the beholder

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isn't it easier to not

state. transitoriness: born without then, u contract/develop/exhibit signs of/symptoms that demonstrate/are indicative of: @ what point does unworthiness, an indication of dis/ability /differentness alter the trajectory: is it development of symptoms, declaration of dis/ease, the pronouncement by a physician who pulls mother & father into the hallway to

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anecdotal, heard from \_\_\_\_\_  
hours after  
birth

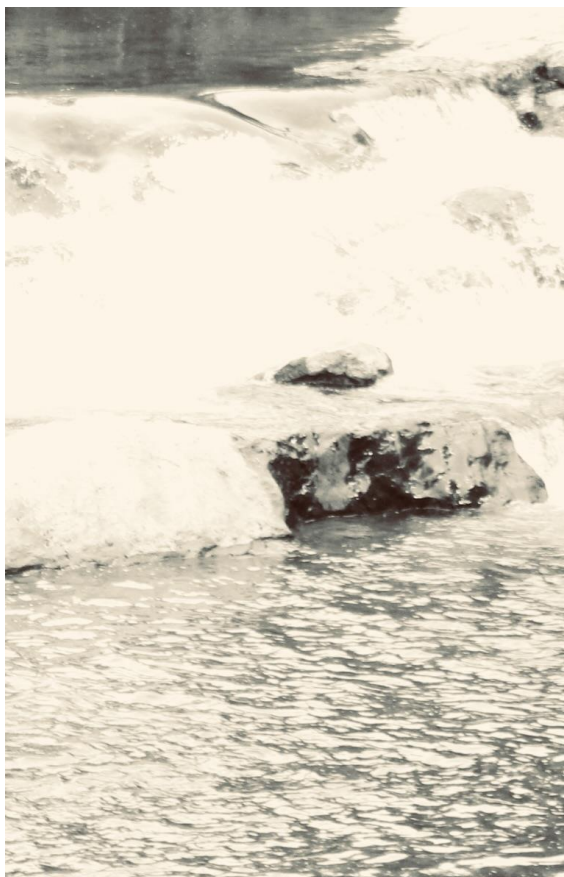
*i was told to give her/him away  
place them*

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in Ancient Rome  
the place was  
the Tiber (Parallels in Time, A History of Developmental Disabilities, n.d.)

also, incidentally,  
primary water source  
for  
the city

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fact:

u admit shame:

shame is easier:

passing is easier:

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why does it matter: label being what is assigned by someone  
else {IQ tests, incidentally, used to differentiate, assign worth-the categorization of  
intellect, of worthability, of let's keep u or discard u, of what amount of \$ should society  
invest in

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itemization of worthability

1. complete worth as unit of taxability
2. productivity as measure of
3. contribution to \_\_\_ (insert society, culture, education, theology, ethnobiography, justice, music etc)
4. hard not to come up with those lists that came out, mid-pandemic: in the event of hospitals being overcome with patients, HOW CARE WOULD BE RATIONED; who was listed; who was not
5. ability to procreate more offspring who are —

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back to saliva, meaning water, meaning where we all first swam, not the river nor the sea but, primal amniotic:

u want to speak of saliva, how it scares, this fluid that coats the mouth but, when  
it exits, untoward, unheeded,  
without invitation

it unhinges us  
compels us to constrict our thoughts  
as if... as if... she/he/they/u are/is  
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X sits on the street. No, x, is @ the mall, @ the wall, behind the curtain, @ the curb, @ the park. X experiences fluctuation managing oral secretions but X is also an engineer, programmer, father, board member, linguist, avid collector of \_\_\_\_, owner of these \_\_\_\_, card-carrying member of

All.



