

The Widening Gyre (2009)

1) Layers

layer upon layer
day upon crooked day

clogged in the vertical present
like time coursing against the grain

layer upon layer
ice upon widening sea

I am stretched across the sky
quartered by this horizon's bloodless curve

[layer upon layer]

I am stuck at the still pointed Pole
caught in the wake of this Beaufort gyre

[layer upon layer]

[ice upon widening sea]

2) A Tangle of Stars

This drone of light
flattens the curvature of time
flips night for day, ice for sky.

This drone of light
absorbs the dark of my body
my dreams of sleep.

I long for darkness
or the moon's bony grin
or a tangle of gentle stars.

3) Geological Consent

as the snake sheds its skin
so the earth sheds its species

as the moon sheds its shadow
our significance wanes

seems we're just passing through
here by geological consent

as the moon sheds its shadow
the earth reinvents its atmosphere
redistributes its oceans

[we won't be missed.....much]