

Prairie/cite Maintenance

*A cadence that bears no resemblance
to the actual rooms we enter*

(Peter Gizzi)

Because i wore a nasturtium,
in the musk of []
successive

silences,

Saskatoon
currants
in the alkali slough

because i thot i was a prairie writer

from Manitoba, in

wheatfields and flaxseed
root wrought
ridin' in the ploughed ground.

Silenced in
outgrass scripts as
pemmican spreads

in the expanse of
a cadence
accumulus

Prairie, Prairie Quite contrary
How does yr Garden grow?

an' i thot i was a prairie writer

'cause i heard
the call of the wild geese

and the red grain

risin' outside of

chokeberries
caught in --

& confided like

/ a prayer.

When i appear as a prairie writer

a prairadox

writing the West out of --

prairie grasses

(a grasseous mass)

[de nada]

Aqua Nada

abandoned in
ligature thresholds
shoulders, fields of
foliate, reproof

A prairody. variegated
prairoxysms of

grid coordinate constructs 'cause

when yr from the prairies

& returning to

in the musk of coming

absences /
sweat

in the wisp of
implant stimulants.
immitant determinants

surface in the distance of
digression

An' i used to be a prairie writer

But my cadenza
suspended
in the writing of

binder twine / clinamen / lineament / lapidary and
cedar impetus

as etcetras indifference defers

apostrophic
in salient spreads

Big wheels keep on turnin'
Proud Prairie keep on burnin'
Rollin', rollin'...

ridin' deep into
this prairie aporia

(prairie
/ arable

or parable)

in repair:

p(a)rairy
priere
patairy

as power pries
on par or para / as par for []
parries

(et)ceteras p(r)a(i)rabis

in the palimpsest of appearance
and barren outgrowth,

i spread seed

in the sweep of long grass

(languorous).

**So, bury me out on the lone
prairie
Prairie water washin' over me
(Violent Femmes)**

as p(r)a(i)risitical
memory, migrant as

Balilifke. Kazatien. Somgoradok

names
i have no place for
aprairori or

cattle, shacks
stooks shrinking in
burnished silence

'cause what follows in the summerfallow
fielded by infield folds is filler
as i fill in, file, foil, fouille, fall for

fissures. Abscessed
with wanting /
as history / passing & wanting
yr wanting

through the contours of
p(r)a(i)rapatetics,
prairhistoric scars

between suspicion and
remembrance

between tacit crypts,
restricted

in the prairie

in the sweat of
scum swells

as sun swept

scarred in
the vortices of
a syntactic nomadics

in the erotics of imminence
torments, succumbs
accumulus

as the prairiera splits
sinks into

s'and
supplements as

'S& slides --
:ampersand

An' though i thot i was a prairie writer

a *p(r)a(i)ragon*, but

P[oo]r airy Dead and Gone

in striated silence
interstices surface

in obeisance smears, spasms in
splenetic extension. In the agon

\\ [against the grain] //
of impossible dwelling

And i thot i was a prairie writer
cuz the prairies was

shorn out of
shredded abscess
charades

authenticating my absence

as violent asylum

When i am minus this memory /
minus this myth
writing the prairies

out of

diasporic spur
spared by

obsessive absenting /

syllipsis curves as

recursive abscess -- as appearance
impacts / as surplus pulse placed as

lapse step / sweat
swells

virally rapt
(and remaindered in

the variation of distance

