BOVINE INTERVENTIONS



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AT THE DOORWAY

I was standing at the doorway

Looking at the sky

I didn't know the heart of the earth is wrath.

Perhaps not wrath,

A layer is incompatible with another layer

Or is not composed

Or . .

Suddenly the earth quake

In the afternoon or the night.

And the sky poured all of its stars in the ocean

And the moon

Indeed was that full

Drowned itself in the ocean.

My mother was standing at the doorway

She was waiting for her children

All the mothers were my mother

And my child was playing in the alley

All the children were my child.

And my husband, or my father

Or my brother,

Or my sister . . .

Or anybody else

Was walking on the bridge.

In the afternoon or the night,

Suddenly the earth quake

And the sky poured all of its stars in the ocean.

And the bridge collapsed.

Two lovers, their kisses

Became lichen on the stone and iron.

Smashed meat, bone, teeth,

And blood.

I was waiting at the doorway

Suddenly all of the sounds turned to silence.

I heard a voice from faraway.

"When it happened, it has happened".

And I have seen alot,

Not only the earth quake

But they quake the earth.

Not wrath of earth

But the greed of ones on the earth

And I have seen the corpses

Without a head

Without the teeth

Without the hands.

Even I have seen a picture on the wall

That has been shaken with the wind,

When a house has been collapsed.

Even the sharpness of a broken plate,

That forked a heart.

And even I have seen a father

Who returned home from the factory at midnight

Holding a packet of oranges

And he didn't know his children's brain oranges

Have been crushed under the load.

I don't know in which feelingless feeling I was,

That I supposed,

Human forgets the history.

But in a certain moment,

Remembers it.

And then,

The stars will return from the ocean to the sky.

And moon . .

And I will stand at the doorway again

And I will look at the sky again

And the earth will quake again.

Or

Will be shaken by ones again.

And again . . .

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