

I'm going, getting going on the road.
 I'm going to a flower garden that is by the road.
 I'm going in a rust bucket, in a tin heap,
 going to buy flowers for my dead.
 But lay me no flowers if I die on the road.

III.
 If I die on the road bury me in the garden
 that is by the road, but lay no flowers for me.
 When one meets their end on the road
 One has no flowers laid for them from that or any other garden.

IV.
 If I die, if I don't die,
 If I die because I don't die.
 If I don't die because I die.
 If I die on the road.
 If I don't die but on the road I do die.
 If I die because I don't die on the road.
 If I don't die because I die on the road.
 Lay me no f, lay me no l, lay me no o,
 Lay me no w, lay me no e, lay me no r, lay me no s.
 Lay me no flo, lay me no wers,
 If I die on the r.

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All known all white bare white body fixed one yard legs joined like
 sewn. Light heat white floor one square yard never seen. White walls
 one yard by two white ceiling one square yard never seen. Bare white
 body fixed only the eyes only just. Traces blurs light grey almost white
 on white. Hands hanging palms front white feet heels together right an-
 gle. Light heat white planes shining white bare white body fixed ping
 fixed elsewhere. Traces blur signs no meaning light grey almost white.
 Bare white body fixed white on white invisible. Only the eyes only
 just light blue almost white. Head haught eyes light blue almost white
 silence within. Brief murmurs only just almost never all known. Traces
 blurs signs no meaning light grey almost white. Legs joined like sewn
 heels together right angle. Traces alone unmoved given black light grey
 almost white on white. Light heat white walls shining white one yard
 by two. Bare white body fixed one yard ping fixed elsewhere. Traces
 blurs signs no meaning light grey almost white. White feet toes joined
 like sewn heels together right angle invisible. Eyes alone unmoved given
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 ond perhaps not alone. Given rose only just bare white body fixed one
 yard white on white invisible. All white all known murmurs only just
 almost never always the same all unknown. Light heat hands hanging
 palms front white on white invisible. Bare white body fixed ping fixed
 elsewhere. Only the eyes only just light blue almost white fixed front.
 Ping murnur only just almost never one second perhaps a way out.
 Head haught eyes light blue almost white fixed front ping murnur ping
 silence. Eyes holes light blue almost white mouth white seam like sewn

invisible. Ping murmur perhaps a nature one second almost never that much memory almost never. White walls each its trace grey blur signs no meaning light grey almost white. Light heat all known all white planes meeting invisible. Ping murmur only just almost never one second perhaps a meaning that much memory almost never seen. White feet toes joined like sewn heels together right angle ping elsewhere no sound. Hands hanging palms front legs joined like sewn. Head haught eyes holes light blue almost white fixed front silence within. Ping elsewhere always there but that not known. Eyes holes light blue alone uncover given blue light blue almost white only colour fixed front. All white all known white planes shining white ping murmur only just almost never one second light time that much memory almost never. Bare white body fixed one yard ping fixed elsewhere white on white invisible heart breath no sound. Only the eyes given blue light blue almost white fixed front only colour alone uncover. Planes meeting invisible only one shining white infinite but that known not. Nose ears white holes mouth white seam like sewn invisible. Ping murmurs only just almost never one second always the same all known. Given rose only just bare white body fixed one yard invisible all known without within. Ping perhaps a nature one second with image same time a little less blue and white in the wind. White ceiling shining white one square yard never seen ping perhaps way out there one second ping silence. Traces alone uncover given black grey blurs signs no meaning light grey almost white always the same. Ping perhaps not alone one second with image always the same same time a little less that much memory almost never ping silence. Given rose only just nails fallen white over. Long hair fallen white invisible over. White scars invisible same white as flesh torn of old given rose only just. Ping image only just almost never one second light time blue and white in the wind. Head haught nose ears white holes mouth white seam like sewn invisible over. Only the eyes given blue fixed front light blue almost white only colour alone uncover. Light heat white planes shining white one only shining white infinite but that known not. Ping a nature only just almost never one second with image same time a little less blue and white in the wind. Traces blurs light grey eyes holes light blue almost white fixed front ping a meaning only just almost never ping silence.

Bare white one yard fixed ping fixed elsewhere no sound legs joined like sewn heels together right angle hands hanging palms front. Head haught eyes holes light blue almost white fixed front silence within. Ping elsewhere always there but that known not. Ping perhaps not alone one second with image same time a little less dim eye black and white half closed long lashes imploring that much memory almost never. A far flash of time all white all over all of old ping flash white walls shining white no trace eyes holes light blue almost white last colour ping white over. Ping fixed last elsewhere legs joined like sewn heels together right angle hands hanging palms front head haught eyes white invisible tied front over. Given rose only just one yard invisible bare white all known without within over. White ceiling never seen ping of old only just almost never one second light time white floor never seen ping of old perhaps there. Ping of old only just perhaps a meaning a nature one second almost never blue and white in the wind that much memory henceforth never. White planes no trace shining white one only shining white infinite but that known not. Light heat all known all white heart breath no sound. Head haught eyes white fixed front old ping last murmur one second perhaps not alone eyes unlitrous black and white half closed long lashes imploring ping silence ping over.