

MELANCHOLY

“You look like Dusk.”
 “You look like you could be important.”
 “I am a prisoner.”
 “What for?”
 “We will not let you be.”
 “What happened to the historical argument?”
 “What happened to history?”
 “I will get it back?”
 “What are you famous for?”
 “I am a famous drunk.”
 “What are you selling?”
 “No one can rescue us tonight.”
 “That seems worse than terrible.”
 “I am living in the moment.”
 “Tell me about one of your songs.”
 “I do not have songs.”
 “What do you have.”
 “This is not going to mean much for me.”
 “And I head to work.”
 “And I accept things.”
 “I am confused.”
 “That is not a good look.”
 “Do I need to look at this forever?”
 “I will just walk out.”
 “I have arrived.”
 “This is a stalemate”
 “I love you.”
 “Do I need to stay there?”

I was considering the conditions of my exile. I was being asked to create, but there was really no foundation for my creativity.

“I think that guy has affected you.”
 “I am easy to influence.”
 “We are here.”
 “I am trying to stay in one place.”
 “Who is keeping track?”
 “I do not have money for food?”
 “Are you even eating.”
 “Who else is here?”
 “I need to explain.”

It no longer mattered what I actually said. I only needed more words in time. That gave the illusion that there was a story.

“This is not going to work for me.”

“We could reverse the order.”
“I was born.”
“Where did that go?”
“Biography does not provide for personal development.”
“What more do you have?”
“I have my soul.”
“I had this all down.”
“And I got distracted.”
“Distraction.”
“I will remember.”
“Some people can get away with shit.”
“Dusk could have explained this.”
“This is a love-hate-love relationship.”
“Did you get it?”
“Can this be explained?”
“I let myself go.”
“GO!”
“They are following you.”
“There has to be more than that.”
“The chip in the head theory.”
“Neuroplasticity.”
“What is that really about?”
“They turned up the volume.”
“What is really happening?”
“Do you want to join in?”
“You can do this so much better.”
“I am trying to keep track.”
“I have a good flow.”
“What if there was no audience?”
“This is the world.”
“Time is my audience.”
“I am doing my best to keep up.”
“You don’t have a chance.”
“Just add more nonsense.”
“Will I ever arrive at some kind of resolution.”
“We are here.”
“I am saving my pennies.”
“Whew!”
“Whew”
“I need oxygen.”
“How does that help?”
“Do not take my shit.”
“Take it.”
“I am doing my best to follow.”

“Follow.”
“Do you ever make sense?”
“Should I?”
“What do you put in your tank?”
“That will not work for you.”
“Can I be a part of this?”:
“A part of this.”
“This is evil.”
“I have been there.”
“There.”
“What is this here there.”
“I am always here.”
“I cannot get out of myself.”
“I need to give you my heart.”
“HEART.”
“There are not words to describe my shit.”
“Too much theater.”
“Not enough theater.”
“Ask me?”
“What do you do?”
“What do you do with flour?”
“I am being pasted to the wall.”
“When I say the right thing, they will let me leave.”
“LEAVE!”
“That will work if I stay here.”
“Do you have everything that it takes.”
“I have all that and more.”
“Can I ever touch the truth?”
“There is a better way to do this.”
“I hurt so much.”
“We can live this.”
“We can live this together.”
“Love makes me feel like a pin cushion.”
“Give me back my life.”
“What do I start with?”
“The worship cycle.”
“Never let it end.”
“END!”
“This is artificial.”
“This is my now.”
“I look, and the world is mine.”
“What is really there?”
“I do not have time for that.”
“I go into myself.”

“That is a secret.”

“I have this deep, dark dream. Then I get this.’:

“Something small.”

“Something more something.”

“We all have our own ting.”

“Thing.”

“Stop.”

“Get me there.”

“That gave us everything that we needed.”

“And more.”

“This once was important.”

“I can trust you.”

“Where are you hiding?”

“I can complete this on my own.”

“That is nothing.”

“I am nothing.”

“The rabbit bit me.”

“You are a sitting duck.”

“Damn.”

“I did not mean it to be like this.”

“I want some one thing.”

“We see it differently.”

“Someone has this down.”

“I used my memory.”

“Give me back what is mine.”

“These are a set of standard gestures.”

“Where does thie go?”

“You are writer. Where do you want this to go?”

“Can we ever plan anything?”

“We are planning something big.”

“And where is that headed?”

“If I can’t focus, I would have to say fuck it about my life.”

“This is grotesque.”

“Don’t worry.”

“Are you making this up as you go along?”

“The gestures were enough to get me going.”

“I am out in the world.”

“You have said too much already.”

If the world realized that this was the glue that held together the universe, they would all want to know.

“There is a door.”

“What is the connection?”

“Blood.”

“I assumed that everyone was part of this ritual. I wanted to learn about all the parts.”

“This was my life.”
“Are you kidding?”
“This is just for fun.”
“And this is life.”
“I have given so much away.”
“And I thought that I could make something with it.”
“I remember.”
“But it was just a state of denial.”
“What if there was a way to forget?”
“Cell death.”
“Are they working together?”
“Worse than that.”
“I am not going to get better.”
“Better.”
“Stop now.”
“Let me in.”
“What are you doing at home?”
“Hurting puppies.”
“What kind of person are you?”
“That is why I am exiled here.”
“I do not know what I am dealing with.”
“This is not working.”
“That is not going to help.”
“Time is not going to change any of this.”
“This will not alter anything that is happening around us.”
“Do you have the cash.”
“Clean up.”
“Welcome to Humility, AZ.”
“What is that about?”
“You need to understand.”
“We all do.”
“We tell ourselves that it makes a difference.”:
“It is all more than it is.”
“Then the air comes out of the balloon.”
“I assume that there is so much mystery.”
“And the air comes out of the balloon.”
“He dies on the table.”
“This is time for resurrection.”
“She stared at me.”
“You could be a body double.”
“The lips are different.”
“I never got the full story.”
“What did I miss?”
“We need to kiss.”

“We need to think about this.”
“Oh fuck. I am like everyone else.”
“What else is there?”
“There is an advanced diagnosis.”
“There is still time.”
“There is only time.”
“There is not time.”
“What is this place?”
“Why is this any better?”
“This will be a little different.”
“I go by ear.”
“How is that?”
“I have a map, but I go by ear.”
“There is a beginning.”
“I am starting from scratch.”
“What do you want to know?”
“I am not like that.”:
“I am not.”
“It is all fluid.”
“Where?”
“Stop this.”
“This is total duplicity.”
“Do you even know the difference?”
“I am the difference.”
“This is getting worse.”
“I am the pickpocket.”
“Are you a cop?”
“You should be.”
“We split into multiple personalities.”
“That is not this story.”
“I need to keep writing.”
“You are making up for the fact that you are totally insecure.”
“I need to keep writing.”
“You have no idea.”
“There is a theory.”
“I could surrender.”
“I am holding out for something.”
“What is in there?”
“You wanted something that I could never give you.”
“Give it to me.”
“I am so lost.”
“Why does this work for you?”
“I have too many words in my head.”
“And that is good for all of us.”

“This is nothing that radical.”
“What about the time that they shut off the pumps?”
“I will live on pure money.”
“How does that work?”
“The liquid dissipates into the air.”
“The air is on fire.”
“That is a habit.”
“WE CAN REMOVE IT.”
“How does this work?”
“What have you taken out of history?”
“The heart.”
“I will tell you which side I am on.”
“The one that is fucked up most of the time.”
“Get close to me.”
“They want to shut me out.”
“That is a weird mix of acceptance and denial.”
“These are my friends.”
“Friends.”
“He guided me.”
“There is no other way to see this.”
“I will find you a friend.”
“The lovely book of finding you a friend.”
“Shit.”
“We can help.”
“There is an alternative path. Forget all the terrible events.”
“The hope left.”
“Word are all vanity.”
“What if asked?”
“I am down in the trenches.”
“I am trying to synthesize.”
“That is still not enough.”
“Why is that important?”
“Why does any of that matter?”
“NO.”
“It is too early to get any answers.”
“Answers.”
“What is the soundtrack?”
“Sound truck.”
“Why do I need to keep writing?”
“What is the source of exile?”
“All this closeness.”
“I need oxygen.”
“I went through this.”
“This hurts.”

“Damn.”
“There is time.”
“DO YOU REMEMBER ME?”
“Should I?”
“Some of this is important.”
“Total concentration of historical time in very short period of time.”
“What else is there?”
“We were dealing with forgetting.”
“I will remember that.”
“You need to concentrate.”
“That hurts.”
“Intervene.”
“I cannot be helped.”
“HELP.”
“That is hopeless.”
“Are you kidding?”
“This is even worse.”
“I need to see my doctor.”
“What is that about?”
“I have arrived.”
“Do I need to keep watching.”
“That is a different kind of thing.”
“He is not involved.”
“He is not a nice person.”
“You can’t leave, These are your words.”
“No one saw that.”
“Then the story stops.”
“And we are doing exactly the same thing?”
“You have what you want.”
“That is worse than hopeless.”
“Keep with the office personnel.”
“He has already been sued.”
“Should I keep looking.”
“What are you doing?”
“I am trying to get away from someone.”
“Get away.”
“There is someone who has questions for me.”
“Buddy.”
“And you know what you have?”
“Do not pretend.”
“They all hate each other.”
“Basically.”
“Lines of force.”
“I am so done.”

“I am riding a wave.”
“Ride it.”
“That will never help.”
“I need to keep moving.”
“You never understand.”
“There is so much more to the act.”
“That is totally something else.”
“I have questions.”
“I do not.”
“Look at this.”
“Recipes.”
“Poems.”
“This is deep shit.”
“What is the source?”
“Longing.”
“You cannot ground art in existing human emotions.”
“Should I join in?”
“That is not what we need.”
“Be more friendly.”
“Some people spend all their lives trying to get what I have.”
“A body guard and a denial of human kind.”
“Show me what you’ve got.”
“This is getting worse.”
“Follow along.”
“We can try one more time.”
“I never played it like this before.”
“The life or the body.”
“You have no idea where this is going?”
“Words or deeds.”
“The same way of thinking.”
“What do you truly love?”
“I need to get out of here?”
“Do you know who the enemy is?”
“You are my enemy.”
“What is this really about?”
“Life-changing.”
“It is always a game changer.”
“The molecules.”
“They are breaking me down.”
“Do I need to accept that?”
“This is going to be more than wonderful.”
“And I close that book.”
“What more is there?”
“The bones.”

“What are you made of?”
“Desire.”
“Do I need to know the difference?”
“We are all so different.”
“What are you doing for the now?”
“I am giving you everything that I need.”
“More bones.”
“More belief.”
“All the bones were replaced.”
“What is that about?”
“I do not want to be detected.”
“I do not have time to worry about this.”
“I have been places that you know nothing about.”
“Real cash.”
“Whatever.”
“It is all about the ideas.’
“I have no ideas.”
“I am going to go through it one more time.”
“Then there will be nothing left.’
“I broke apart, and I was repaired.”
“There is another way to express this.’
“Hang in there.”
“What more can I say?”
“I felt as if I knew.”
“When does that matter?”
“When?”
“Where?”
“He wants to talk.”
“Keep talking.”
“Where is this headed?”
“Come on in.”
“It is even worse.”
“Who is controlling this?”
“How does it feel to be overwhelmed?”
“Is that the same guy?”
“Is this overkill?”
“How does that work.”
“Let your emotions guide you.”
“This is a competition.”
“For what?”
“What are your dreams?”
“I pretended that I still had it.’
“It is all about what is up here.”
“Nothing.”

“I would design the seat differently.”
“It all started in the same place.”
“It all ended the same way.”
“I need to accept it.”
“I want to know you in ways that cannot be known.”
“We could do more.”
“We are going to need more than that.”
“Like what?”
“A heartbeat.”
“Where does it start?”
“In the Laundromat.”
“Why is that so perfect for the both of us?”
“Did you listen?”
“I can help you.”
“We all can.”