

orientalism event
crocheted brain
a slave to echolalia
so lumpy it's hopeful
blanket breath
zero bracket
coma flesh
have you eaten yet

concubine culture
yellowed houses and teeth
a whitened neck
butchered in my brain
the bump on my head
stays there forever

in my desire
a casket of fleas
warned by the wind
my hand on my heart

tedious qualifications
for an invisible ocean
rosaries and flowers
dot the matrix
tunneling my faith
in useless habits
dot dot dot

failure mounts
on top of me
pushing me sideways
like a German expressionist
disguised as a geisha
in a Japanese temple

an experimental whack
a museum out of touch
a mall out of luck
shots fire some flee

remember your body
how it flowered
i pluck the leaves
and chop the stalks

dinner time
in your head
breaks the mood
of tv broadcasts

wheezing and simmering
smiling painfully
a boat without a hull
shoes but no suitcase

the exercise
your brain gets
watching a screen
without a license

my back is
covered in moss
because it misses you

to protect it from lice
i dreamed my disability
was all in my head
a dearth of proliferations
synonyms of gadflies

longing for elevation
but my head is too punctured for that

screaming and streaming
low to the ground
a bonfire on a road
full of tripwire
hidden tragedies are
trajectories for
an exempt limb
a maverick afterthought
a mother vehicle
on an unattainable path
in an abstract field

i take out
my tortured past
on my students
who look up and smile

gracefully
impossibly
apologetically

the depths make me dizzy
the view from here ancient