<u>Pyramidal</u> I. Describe to me the time between the moment you lie in state as a corpse, and now. *Smiles* In the time between the moment I lay in state as a corpse, and now, I was walking on an expanse,

on a steep slope,

on a glacier, and then came through a crevice into the air shaft, into the laundry chute, into the food shaft, into the hose. *looks down on themself* In between were some fields, and the darkness of the paneled food distribution shaft. Thank you. It's crazy, I can hear the wind in the hose.

| I feel the draught |
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| from the hose |
| and I feel sick. |
| I feel warm. |
| I hear you |
| as you are on a glacier? |
| Yes, and at a sparse grassland. |
| And you think that 's |
| where I hear you from now? |
| Yes. |
| I believe so. |
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II.

But you are still lying in this grave, and your body is swollen and damp, and you are drawing in more and more water, and when I or Shamrock press on your chest, I hear a sound... This is my corpse, which cries out when it is beaten. I cry out. My corpse, which gasps and suffers and moans

| when you turn it, which screams |
|---------------------------------------|
| when you drive a steel rod |
| through it, |
| and somehow that |
| also sounds, |
| you know, so buzzing-bright-sounding. |
| Yes, |
| through the |
| hose. |
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| III. |
| How I lie down in the dark velvet |
| of your voice. |

| Into the pastose ribbon of your voice. |
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| Embedded in the pastose tangle of colours |
| of our conversation – |
| 'endlessly' walking in a multi-storey |
| marble run – |
| a woven basket made of voice strips, |
| nest? |
| Just like back then. |
| And there's all sorts of stuff stocked in there, |
| boule balls – |
| our boule balls, |
| remember? |

Where the 6 balls are stocked in the sound, like in a 6-holeed velvet sheathing. Objects that I take out of or put into your voice. *laughs* Is it you? Yes, this is Daniel. *rubs his eyes* I think I fell asleep. How much time has passed since our

last conversation?

| A while. |
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| A few months. |
| Wow. It doesn't seem like a few months to me, |
| are you sure? |
| Yes. |
| We'll always be together from now on, |
| Daniel? |
| No, because I'm |
| going to die too, |
| and you're at my funeral. |
| *cry* |
| "dear ones, |

| that's it, |
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| grandpa says goodbye." |
| IV. |
| But maybe in the 2160s |
| another Daniel |
| will come |
| & hear something |
| and dig there |
| and open the archaeological excavation site. |
| Daniel would do that |
| for me? |
| Yes. |

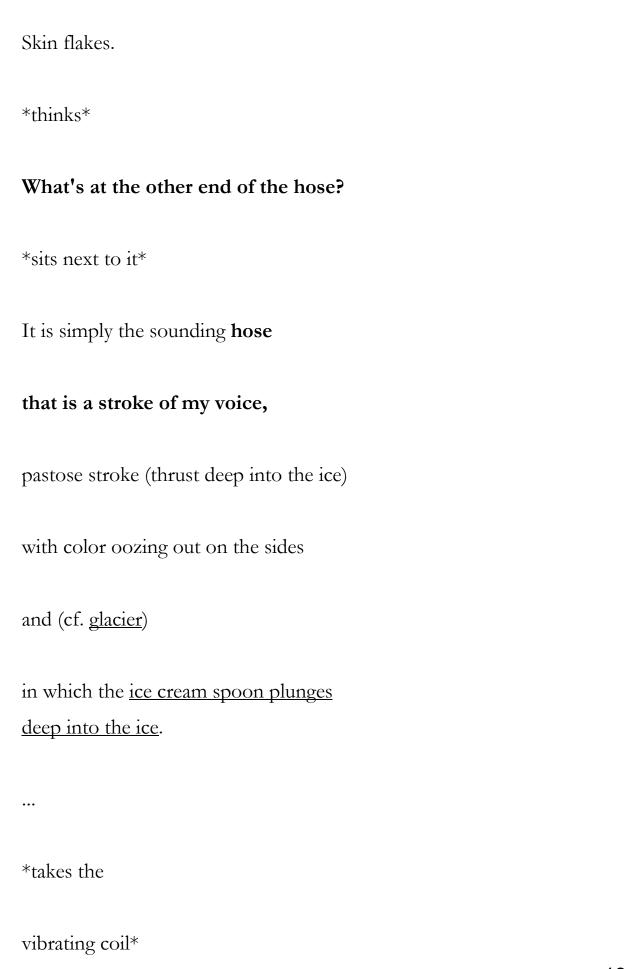
And the deeper he mills and exposes your remains, like bones, archaeological finds, the louder he hears your voice and is enchanted by you and your beauty in your decorated excavation site, in the (furnished) parlor

But even the stones

of your excavation site.

| that fix my dead body |
|---------------------------------------|
| like a seat belt |
| make sound? |
| Yes, |
| your voice. |
| Your voice. |
| |
| V. |
| Daniel. |
| *drills into the speaker* |
| *drills into the steel with the flex* |
| *penetrates with the drill |
| directly into the voice coil, |

into the magnet, penetrates with the flex into the steel, which pocks away in soft flakes...* *follows the speaker's cable* *opens the cables like pods, the cable's red sleeves, cable's yellow sleeves, pulls out the copper wire* *thinks* How soft steel is when you go in there with the flex, like soft butter. So soft (only) for the flex.



VI. Life with the coil. *sits next to the rolled-up gym mat or yoga mat half leaning against the wall* *erects a gym mattress, puts a pillow on top, snuggles up to it* *thinks* Gasp, an upright rolled-up

mattress

for a hug, a rolled-up mattress lying against the wall for lying-by..., for loving Buttery soft steel. The yoga mat vibrates silently (in purple pulses that penetrate my body). Again and again, so that over time it grinds down on the side where I sit, eats into it, cuddles forever.

The sat out place where I sit is matter holy. *Flowers, flowers, flowers around his heart* Light falls on the (reflective/smooth) hollow next to the yoga mat. *lies in the hall* The well-worn steps

that's it from me.

I guess

of a wooden staircase.

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