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Indulge yourself
In the miracle of ordinary things:
The music of the universe
Which has pulsed for aeons of time.

You fools,
Who stand in awe
Of your own imaginations,
Making the creatures of your own fancy your gods,
Awake to the sting of consciousness
Like the air that is slowly rising
Clearing the clouds from the sky.

Your laws stand
Glittering refuges of sterile recriminations
Towering over the vastness of the virgin snow
Men made wolves
Enforcing laws bereft of primeval authority
Or appeal to the faintest conscience.

Only self condemnation
May break the shackles of the idolic splendor
Of your barren laws.
Your fear of death removes your fear of God
And you blunder through creation
Like a stray dog through the snow.

You cannot tell—
Either cloud drifts or clouds of snow—
Drowned in a shipwreck
Weighed down by water-laden wings
You never learned to use—
reflections of the clouded red light of dawn
Quivering on the surface
Of the fast moving water
That rushes over your head.

The Earth shifts under the feet of your dreams:
The sky (chameleon), detailed — minutely accurate . . .
Ravens over a small grove of trees
You struggle in the thickets—
The rhythm is lost in empty clashes
With some strident noise from below.

And ultimately
In our naive knowledge,
Unbound as the boundless desires of mankind
And fertile as our souls—
In a godlike embrace of infinite vision—
The simple miracles of experience
Beget the greatest miracles of all.

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