

Of Thirty-Six Options Departure is Best

1.

cursing varmint

father shot the fox to gunk

we insist consequence

to no avail

of offal and fang

to no avowal

its little ribs

this is our father singing

does our untethered look
catch him

on a carpet of needles

come, that we stalk
gophers

by the heartstrings

lonely

together

hint of dung or boot leather

bloodletting spoils

in this mountains slit

in the lightning lick

crosshairs	king of cups	diminished vision
avert the buck's lung	and little purpose	and coal-choked smoke
we don't rest	cede light	we recover
so we're full rot	of laser Saturn gnosis	recoil and gag
bust mouth	a gold name	may our sacrifice
bring another to wreckage	our own analogy	see us through this fog

2.

having attacked, piping

an austerity measure

in you

water halves itself anew

stubborn sea shouting reason

against reason

having assumed
ancestor's posture

like, *skinflint flay me*
you'll never touch my gold
say

lich, it gold un-natured

ghosting

national upheavals

juggling blades

when the air went

water departed the land

what seemed a strong
spirit

was the open window

speaking nonsense

against one

the wisdom of heat

which stakes

its judgment claim

on red sap

time of giving

decked in faith

and mamba trails

through sand

in you, something

tantric

but not tonight

antelope graze grass

and shrub alike

weariest of

wild dogs

internal narrative

not no national dialogue

3.

a preposition strategy	<i>ga ke tialoganye</i>	I misunderstand
at last	Ha! It's Tlaloc	talons clicking
Aztlán	take a hike in Tagalog	collective selfishness
and water cosmogony	sloganesque	christian martyr
herald to	influx of mongrel	rattlesnake plaintain
featherfoil	flummox	tries their hand at writing

face in the slate

mouthisour, maleberry

tender

is the shadow

I was beside myself

thunder

in which I hide

in deep grief

economy of touches

charmed stone
upon which
I ride

the former consoling

be the latter

shrub-steppe's monolith

haptic

first son & sun-seared

to heathen

able mayfly

4.

recalling my torture

algorithm

relocate potential

I felt a foreign power

autocorrect

calculate by means

rise despite reason

my ghoulish babble

into vectors

I will remove firewood

from under the pot

not so difficult

I will no longer speak

argument

to understand

even victim

or risk betrayal

augment

evens victories

verdant ravine

endless revision

rats

clamoring path

infinite glossaries

in the rafters

palmetto

& infinitives

hide an agenda

blend of needles

gurney an out

private face

ring my nipple

fire cauldron

regurgitates

exorcise my demons

nothing more

trace of omnipotence

5.

light storm imprints	ziz stork	in a shmood
goblin's face in granite	totem-making	for shmoney
heart furnace	polyvocal -valent	dark matter male
red utopia	this inward voorwerp	newfangled
cosmic furnace	is not	dark, matted male
loot a burning house	your resplendent spectacle	keeps blood company

binge read

be the secret weapon

secrete the weapon

hawking a healthy portion

weapon the secret

mind becomes a movement

of heavenly spirits

wepa on secrets

in a serpent trance

chthonic bomb

a sea-weeping cretin

séance-sunk

fire's creep

weeping secrets

into avarice

there is no sinking back

keeping weapons

corneal loll

6.

break bread

conviction

labor of decking trees

with a bloodied president

in the moral sense

in paper, labor of appearances

bake bad wheat

signifies

withstand six temperatures

into bodily precedent

being conquered

of the gate strategy

impure sphere octave

surrendered to mercy

no spectral crowns

unholy origin of sand

raise a flap

in the elsewhere

salutations	stones, now	in the pulpit
to the disk	down ordering	of misery
poet naming plagues	orbits away	obits, awry
rattles the vertebral bones	white thread	master an economy
of a rat that ate	nasty child of leopard	the sacred matters
flesh of rat	cornered ∴ hopeful yet	of mangled amalgam