

Big Nothing

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for amit, aoife and elliott

into the dusk

brass section

mercy measures

metal sheets

a whale's breakdown

perched on a lemon

some old object

cumulus cloud

divides the road

barely there fleeing

infinitely

its whiteness

teak again

swollen statue

muscles shield blood

the nationalists carry

from a staircase

big nothing

a star

a fish

so I sit

melts dreams of

our anatomy ark

infinity's crash

overcast

toes free

the nothing

a wasp dies

of being

in the flower

morning meditation

fallen tree

a dead spider

fungus collects

rebuilding a web

its crown

overcast

weight of christ

I contemplate ending

all souls

all wars

are mine

loneliness

between patches

one-by-one

of fractured snow

streetlights

snowdrops

winter storm

a crow's echo

pouring boiled water

between tenements

on dried lime flowers

day moon

surface of heaven

a trip

I smuggle an oar

out of town

through my blood work

shifting snow

anxiety

trying to find

the blossom

a different personality

early this year

new profile picture

labeling the sides

the liver

of a tub

to the neck

the knight's kilt

as a wading bird

my sleeping son

winter rose

the universe

that place between dreams

drifts apart

in memory

a leaf turns by itself

stronger than me

the trolley problem

the last apple

isn't really a problem

on the bough

peat smoke

beneath dreams

a bottle hooks

snow

the liver

a temple's bell

3/4 view

summer rain

a politician tweets about

insects

the bombing

on the pond

blowing bubbles

in the routines of sky

an algorithm finds

two centuries of mist

my feelings

find big nothing

the sound of

the brain's reflection

an overflowing drain

a bouquet of daffodils

cherry blossom

on the windowsill

