From the height of this peak
This crooked path that I've toiled along
Betrays itself to me unswerving
Through this wasted land
Stifle terror I'm cradling in
Benign reverence of a nightmare

Don't pull me out
The climax comes
The leaves of this clover ablaze, I must burn!

Fluid in tongues through accelerant lips
Forged my own signature on my own permission slip
I grappled angry
Would not let go
Cathartic subjugation
I have come to know
Dangling like a thread

Over the heads of the children of woe
The credits scroll up and away left with nowhere to go
But departures are arrivals in a certain sense
And the rations I've been given have been marked as evidence
Of willingness yet to survive

I want to want to die But I don't!

From a mind under mire
The sputtered patterns of endless thought
Will strike the artist as self-serving
As ugly as it appears
The implications hyperbole
Familiarity unnerving
Powerless to change what I can't see

To thumb through a manual inherently losing my place A myriad of options
Incisions to make
Give me a moment