

# Phenomenology

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## **Biochemistry**

I am a bag of chemicals  
capable, at least,  
of conceiving of itself  
as a bag of chemicals.

There is no end of tricks  
consciousness can play  
and I am one.  
And you?

## **At the End**

Someone will labor to keep it alive  
although the body will want but  
to return to random particles  
akin to those that made it  
but, by then, it won't be  
able to assert its fervent  
wish to fail and fall,  
apart again.

## **The Dying Languages of Earth**

When a language dies  
the world loses a version of itself.

It diminishes and diminishes

until there is but the one language

and when that is lost  
the world is lost.

### **Organic**

Life is an affliction  
that strikes the innocent  
atoms and molecules  
content in their being  
and makes them conscious  
of a hunger  
they didn't know before  
and fills them  
with insatiable desire  
to replicate and spread  
their ravenous kind.

### **Expansion**

The universe expands  
at greater and greater speed

as if to try and fill  
the endless void

of what it is not  
with what it is.

Some cosmologists believe

it will split itself asunder

in this effort to extend  
its becoming.

The fruit falls not far  
from the attenuating tree.

