



FOR A LYRIC OPERA

A POEM FOR LOTS OF INSTRUMENTS

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A Little Red Leaves

ap - ples burn the cinnamon
o - apples - burn - the - cinnamon

banjo misappropriated from Africa
o - banjo - misappropriated - from - Africa

crow that mourns the cross in the trailerpark
o - crow - that - mourns - the - cross - in - the - trailerpark

daisy that lows upfield
o - daisy - that - lows - upfield

estuary's pine needles, small boats
o - estuary's - pine - needles, - small - boats

finger between the legs
o - finger - between - the - legs

goat that knows its hooves and the rocks beneath them
o - goat - that - knows - its - hooves - and - the - rocks - beneath - them

happstance that overtakes art, death
o - happstance - that - overtakes - art, - death

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O intelligent psychosis
O - intelligent - psychosis

O John Coltrane like a train, screeching fire
O - John - Coltrane - like - a - train, - screeching - fire

O kilt that is plaid, O the part of me that is a kilt
O - kilt - that - is - plaid, - O - the - part - of - me - that - is - a - kilt

O lyric, god's foreskin
O - lyric, - god's foreskin

O meringue that dries, hardens the ceiling
O - meringue - that - dries, hardens the ceiling

O national anthem the back and shoulders pushed skyward
O - national - anthem, - the - back - and - shoulders - pushed - skyward

O opium Afghanistan
O - opium - Afghanistan

O Plexiglas embedded solarplexus
O - Plexiglas embedded - solarplexus

O quotient bellows, quilts of blue cotton
O - quotient - bellows, - quilts - of - blue - cotton

O rasp, my cheek, her words, dear cold heart
O - rasp, - my - cheek, - her - words, - dear - cold - heart

O shewolf, run the city to tears
O - shewolf, - run - the - city - to - tears

O the tangerine grows eyes and watches me sleep
O - the - tangerine - grows - eyes - and - watches - me - sleep

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O you who convulses above me, winetinged uvula, embossed robe
O - you - who - convulses - above - me, - winetinged - uvula, - embossed - robe

O vessel that's a vessel, but then detached
O - vessel - that's - a - vessel, - but - then - detached

O xylophone begins x not z
O - xylophone - begins - x - not - z

O yesterday when I barely remembered my name
O - yesterday - when - I - barely - remembered - my - name

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