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ONLY ANXIETY IS HEALING

Sound from somewhere like the dark draws near
(Has a negligence in itself some warmth
and hence those negligently living
are illusive nests
for fatigue and anxiety)

But a sound, drawing near through the dark
into a warm blood dissolves
Apoplexy
if you receive it like an ordinary guest

In the dark is only discerned blackness from light
First is the birthday
in the second is born the death of sound. Sound
element in motion
If you receive it with negligence
drops the heavy curtain of life
and you see but the title: *Theatre behind the scenes*
Naked figures of actors (statues nude)
Grotesque masks in the seats for the audience

(Anxiety is healing)

Then from somewhere flies in a bird
with the chirp hidden in its beak
One must unbind the eyes first of the fire-fly, next
of the actors behind
and those across the scenes

(That's dozing the audience)

And the bird then falls dead
And its voice
the call of infinity
enlivens withered hearts
Starts to dance every drop in them, juices of
Eternity
which was kept hidden beneath heavy costumes
invented roles, mobile masks
of the divinity without immanency of worship
divinity servant of ignorance
negligent liar - Accidente

Only thus anxiety
(hidden sound in the beak of a bird
until its body dead drops
and with it the curtain of life)
is healing

(o n l y a n x i e t y i s h e a l i n g)

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