

SETTING

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- I don't know how to want things anymore
- but you do
- I can't. I just wait.
- only.
- wait,
- [illegible].
- desire?
- doubt.

silence.

- that and no more
- slowly
- again
- that and no more
- little else
- little else then
- slowly.

- getting light now
- sometimes it seems that way just before sunset
- a sudden swelling of light
- like sound
- so many in an old house like this
- floorboards, pipes

- the sound of dripping water, always
- a pan of water in the sink
- the gutter outside the window
- the yard outside
- a pipe broke in the wall
- that stain always coming up through the paint

- crossing out
- turning the page
- crossing out then turning the page
- again
- again

- she crumpled a ball of paper and dropped it to the floor
- Once. Again. When was the first time
- the place was cluttered
- Too many. Reminders.

- Only.
- Just.
- That
- ...all the pages were blank
- as far as you knew
- so far as I could see
- as far as you could tell

- three teacups, all of them chipped
- must have broken one
- two saucers
- used them as ashtrays
- one on the desk
- one on the night table
- which was which

- it got quiet
- more or less suddenly
- you could hear the ticking of the clock
- not suddenly at all

- there was a death
- in the beginning
- she wrote of death then
- she spoke of it often
- not hers
- then
- not yet
- ever

- it got quiet
- more or less suddenly
- you could hear the ticking of the clock
- not suddenly at all

- there was a list
- she crumpled a ball of paper, having done
- done now with phrases

- only an echo
- that and no more
- slowly
- again
- that and no more
- little else
- little else then
- slowly.
- Curtain.

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