

GOOD WORDS

1.

Tell

different from tattle

opens gates when chanted

a mover and shaker

dislodges better than dynamite

in a collapsed Wild West coal mine

volatile as nitro bouncing along a dirt road

in the back of a horse-drawn wagon

Tell

penetrates frontal lobes

developed or not

displaces air

raises floorboards loose or not

rattles bones

porous or solid

cracks code like a pro

unlocks safe deposit boxes

finds missing persons

Tell

a word apart when relocated by

course corrections or tail winds

2.

Find

chess games near

trout streams

dinosaur digs in the desert

family resemblance in strangers

tide pools close to folk festivals

rainbow flags free with waffle cones

Find

pueblo pottery shards

blood oranges in Christmas stockings

mezuzahs in gentile doorways

popes named Floyd

Japanese watercolors afloat on white walls

Buddhist temples in Brooklyn

Find

a medieval crossbow in the attic

mummified Crusaders in the catacombs

Warhol soup for lunch

Ginsberg cries in the night

3.

Move

arrhythmically

elliptically

forceps in hand

looking for a breech birth

in need of a good turn

Move

rivers of random thoughts

Scarlett O'Hara reading The Scarlet Letter

abandoned cotton crops

cities on fire

underground railroads overbooked

Move

passengers on a carousel

hitch a ride side saddle

grab a candied apple

bite into ruby redness

miss the hot air balloon by a mile

Move

4.

Raise

Cain without Abel

salt and peppered eyebrows

alarms

a glass to maternity

century plants

greenhouses

streets named Yew

Raise

honeycombed window shades

polar temperatures

poker stakes

Amish barns

cedar fences

atonal voices

Lazarus

Raise

sea level

lava flows

chili peppers

white rabbits named Alice

5.

Rattle

cages

roar the past

ride sound waves

speaking raw words

eat light

listen to the dark

stalk no-fly zones

Rattle

car doors

cribs

inner ears

souls passing in the night

pebbles in tin cans

medicine men on the prairie

bears on the prowl

Rattle

hard long loud