after erasure

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scratch this land-skin,
TIL
there's no
more
any
parasitical
ITCHING
  of your plans
scratch TIL there's
 value secreting, black
-gold, copper-red copper, radio-
 active junk - it's worth it,
azure rain filling there,
 where
FLESH was
 ploughed off.
 scratch, scratch, this
land, this plot
   might be
the winning
         ticket.
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this overwhelming sense of

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scar(r)ed,
 overwhelmed
by a fabric
 of humanity
that feels wet
 on the skin, wet
of the blood
 of every victim
  of a pointless act
   for a pointless god:
is it pointless, all this?
i rest my soul(lessness)
 in the moral superiority
of an amoral cosmos.
as long as i can bathe my being
 in the waters of this common pool
that bleeds into eternity,
every fibre of me, you, them, us,
 soaks, wet, the same blood, the same
lymph, that runs across the
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cosmic pattern of the whole, where
        every individual point loses
     any semblance of consistency,
 and every drop of blood, every
victim, every act, every
 god ain't any good nor
evil, but a cruel witness
 to an en ever unfolding
continuum of being
 in this one place
 and one time
and intricate net
      and then no more and
yet again
 til
    ever
me
          you, us
who
        else
again?
                 !
when did
                 I
     even
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confess

let us in a sense

, where

any given word loses:

any semblance of consistency

ekphraseis from dryland

sea calls for rust,

waves eroding:

our primordial soup

is a crematorium.

clay mud dirt soil,

we're a lump

yahweh spat on.

a chimaeric belonging,

to where we have set

foot, and will again, where we

stand now, and the scars

of foreign voices that were

chiseled on our captive skin:

to belong, just as not to,

gets layered along

time-space nostalgias

counter-speech

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on being delicate,
on being fragile,
as a petal torn
by the weight of a sun ray,
on being a lamb,
the victim, on being
turned into the delicacy
at the centre of the platter
for a feast of the eyes,
on learning to speak
the language of flowers
when all other form of cursing
is never as powerful as
blurting your sperm into the winds
in the form of yellow dusts.
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(un)learn to sense

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- sniff sniff

a warm embrace of humus

cocoa, cinnamon, cloves

the moistness of

an entangled hug with earth
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the green softness that
pillows our steps,
we should relearn
to caress budding tendrils,
tender hands
of a tentacular mother

soil as a womb of forgiveness,
sprouting its prayers
from an abyss of faith