

I  
: exodus : & : cia :

-->> >>... were >they< oryx?: or :  
stylized oxen?: or :  
agile?:  
peddlers?:  
non-union countries?:  
(with):  
eyes?:  
resplendent?:  
white?:  
in the night?:\_:\_:\_:

-->> >>... were >they< oryx creatures?: yes: &: no:  
were >they< barefoot creatures (of) the savannah?:  
(with) winged adidas feet?:  
running: &: looking back(ward)?:  
as [if-] searching (with) >their< eyes?:  
(for) the cheetah-authority?: or :  
(for) a mangy-racist-hyena?:\_:\_:\_:

-->> >>... &: they ran (without) screaming: as [if-] >they< weren't breathing:  
&: they crossed (over onto) the highway: fast: &: athletic:  
(through) a forest (of) acacia:  
that might seem another kind (of) oryx:  
but these fair (of) skin:  
&: (with) eyes eaten out (by) darkness:  
as [if-] they feared they were prey:\_:\_:\_:

-->> >>... but:  
what does it mean to be a sick oryx?:  
&:  
what is it to be a healthy oryx?:  
what's the difference?:  
maybe (in) how they run?:  
maybe the gaze?:  
maybe the name?:  
maybe it's a place (in which) memories can be traversed?:\_:\_:\_:

-->> >>... no one seems to notice  
we won >our< freedom:  
(in) the dark age:  
&: the epidemics:  
that attack the soul:  
can return (with) >their< sickly pustules (of) exile:\_:\_:\_:

-->>>... &: since it wasn't easy to steal the words (~~from~~) dead gods:  
&: since it wasn't easy to build a language:  
&: since it wasn't easy: now: after all this time:  
after having expelled the fake original words:  
those that didn't name us:  
no one seems to want to acknowledge the one who stopped being:  
as [if-] neither anything nor anyone:  
had preserved the rhythm (œf) this civilization:  
(~~with~~):  
    (~~counter to~~):  
        (œf):\_:\_:\_:

-->>>... &:  
while the deep-sea fish that (~~in~~) [you-me] dwell:  
think:  
the dark orxy run:  
&: run (~~with~~) >their< wares (œn) their backs:  
as [if-] >they< dreamed (œf) leaving babylon:  
(~~from~~):  
    (~~toward~~):  
        (~~in order to~~):\_:\_:\_:  
            yes:  
            &:  
            no:  
            (~~by~~):  
            (~~versus~~):  
            (~~without~~):\_:\_:\_:

: when [you-me] :

--&gt;&gt; &gt;&gt;... when [you (tə) me] write:

[you-me] live:

[you-me] are not dead:

because now:

&gt;you&lt; are alive-&amp;:

also-dead-&amp;:

also-alive-[you-me]:

as [if-] &gt;you&lt; were a magic mountain:

full (əf) blood:

&amp;: (əf) blows:

together (~~beside~~) [you-me]:(~~by~~) some innocent asphalt:

like [your-my] knees:

that feared

nothing:

because &gt;they&lt; were innocent:

like the future:

(əf) a bicycle:

:

like [your-her] name:

(əf) nostalgia:

&amp;:

(əf) vindication:

:

because [you-did] write:

(~~with~~) the resolution:

(əf) those who make way (fə) awareness:

:

[you-yes-me]:

free: &amp;: so free:

like:

when now-no one-[I-]:

:

like:

when [I-me]:

write [my-her] name:

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