



*Wallace, ID.* An all-day drinking kind of day: the off-season's demand. Illegible word smudge on a window. Charm enters the mouth with an ooh-la-la.



*Coronado, CA.* Here, yes? Why? Not all of the reasons are reasonable. Most fall under the rubric of resignation.





*San Diego, CA. Cultivating numbness: do it well, and in time it does itself.*



*San Diego, CA.* Try not to think how fervent the passion overflowing from slim limbs . . . how beyond trespass.





*Clarksdale, TN. His mouth, softly opened, made one see the small child of him. Chin up: words to mutilate oneself.*



*Seattle, WA.* A wall on which to park oneself for a while . . . to “be here now” . . . all the sideroads closed anyway.





*Saltse Flats, WA.* There will be loyalty tests. One must cross every answer's heart.



*Lynchburg, VA. Loyalty hearing. Did you honor your country?*

It birthed me and left me to The Burial Society.





*State Line, ID.* “See you on the other side” — that’s all you hear here and everything you need.



*Otis Orchards, WA.* From somewhere the stray mutt goes on shadowing the place with his whimpering . . . for days (decades!) after the dog's demise.





*Otis Orchards, WA.* Assigned spot to lie back on the riverbank and access which heel has withstood the flow of time.



*NYC, NY. You came out of the cave for this. (Correct: No fire on any floor.)*





Queens, NY. *Spirit Photography*—domain name bequeathed to the half-hearted.



*Liberty Lake, WA. A calm void of some past tense bides its time, aloof and far below the now.*





*Otis Orchards, WA. You wanted the end NOW. You got only a now but no end.*