

I Your Kingdom

II Cabinets of Curiosity

1 Bioluminescence <sup>ind. poems</sup>  
2 That's How Dumb <sup>ind. poems</sup>  
3 Bestiaries on the Lamb <sup>ind. poems</sup>

III Chemical Kisses

1 Volcanoes  
2 Will heart

Poem a Day  
conjunctions

IV De evolutionize

Born to  
Gulf Coast

until 4/14/20

3/19

Volcanoes

I came to Volcanoes to see volcanoes  
and I saw them  
on this upwelling of earth's molten mantle


a remarkable story  
about the continents & all  
that's hidden, molten & mineral  
inside them  
thick veins

At night, reflected light off lava  
gasses flushes  
vog from  
65 miles down where  
a big lava lake lies awake  
day & night  
like an illuminated coral snake  
coiled dormant and burning in the rock

mining around in volcanoes  
hunt for bellies for metals

vog: volcano smog, spit forth from the volcano's eye

its rocks host to gold

I once when thinking about my grandmother  
thought about wells as eyes (to *mati*, in Greek; in Arabic, *ayn*;  
in Phoenician it's )

greenstone belts

The first lexicographer of arabic  
Al-Khalīl

porphyry  
mines

who made his living from falconry and gardening  
wrote the first dictionary  
called it "the source," and the sound  
of the springs, the sound of the eye *ayin* he considered  
the first letter, its sound from deep down

crystalline carbonate, with  
diamonds