

manofistos / el amante guerr[ill]ero #1

pueblo blisters, fingers puncture, no sense of time

rupture

sometimes i think i can control the weather but sometimes i'm too empty to get out of bed the american dream pillow flatter than the clouds outside

i don't stir them the audacity of sleepless lying down squirming in an open grave, no lifeless water, no hands, no grandmother voice, no scar/hope, earth crisis not thwarted ronald reagan coward lion flips us the bird from the casket, red blood screamy tú? / compañero

new world expired ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ [la noche más triste]

the gold they stole from men as gods as kings as i curse that day / how can we sing in a strange land

?not kin, not king, not quetzalcoatl: destiny thief

we would cut cortéz down

in a blaze of prophetic glory/suicide we would be skinned alive we would smile at each other as they flayed you beautiful muscle/bone/blood-exposed i finally see you / guerrillero inside, no matter you withhold la sangre-silencia speaks &when i look into

hypnoteyes

i think i hear your breath: [lung whisper]

window, mirror, or compass?

we feel our hearts drop out
we
feel the city fall is she the one
you loved i mean betrayal comes
in all forms of
cosmological shipwrecks
you see: the divide
: narrow rivers of words
i say we are many we speak in
many tongues and with just one:
two. the love in language words
seeps only from the most brutal
act of

re/evolution



de tu/de tu pelo se cae(n)

cicatrices.

hiccup.

bigote de niebla.

olvidos.

semillas de granada. [color sangre: my blood i give himour blood]

your summer / smother.

blue. [pale infection]

lumbre / lumbre / lumbre

[inhale] [cardiac arson / conflagration] [¡cardiac arson / conflagration]

orphan apologies.

la malinche alphabets. [punch me stab me kick me condemn]

broken. pen / pistola / poeta.

treachery-numbed.

little shrugs.

blaspheme. [the little fish that grows in me]

splinters que me pican.

swap meet tesoros.

miniature labyrinths.

trenzas.red, gold, black & green

madreearth. [original mestiza: figura divina / slut]

años de profunda muda.

"conquest" whisper. [a puzzle / a girl / a liar, "traitor"survivor]

delicatelucha.

un grito herido. [i speak weapons, i love]

finger tangle.

sacrifice. [my lips, my abdomen, my pueblo, my name]

de tu.de tu pelo

me cae





manofistos / navigational lapses #3

words to [dis] / arm

alarm you who mumbles in dark blows our cover splits loyalties what are you becoming i had a premonition esa linea entre revolución y inutil a shipwreck / suspicion (year 1511, place the vipers) we took them as slaves we cannibalized them

de que tenemos que perdonarnos

sometimes i seek in you shipwreck birds' bones a fortune telling

i carve into your chest seeking treasure

are you with us or against us

if you pour yourself into midnight [martyr] but then in unrhymed sanctuaries jungle loosen corporatization of pueblo what grows unequal sliding down into earthen graves early with our (corpses) a series of massacres our words / our weapons rest among them like a bed of bones and you think what could i dream to make this so distant insurrection if i place my fingers here, i will get...this, if i press here...this if i press down the middle, then it escapes through my mouth / my memory out here sun-bleached or it tainted with [you] someone gone mainly women and children what rhythm do you breathe to i fall into you they steal the line give me chiapas, zapatistas lovers in dead water

killed in churches

this body will never be safe from harm from history

[a]brazo

"you're bleeding!" you tell me

but in the jungle

i lay in the undergrowth touch my skin take my shoes off throw them in the trees

i'm not injured

wait in the cloud forest, zapatista i wanted to know quetzals, horned guans

what it was like to be consumed

i wanted to know you lacandona

not lazy, but the rain

you make a fist keep me warm if only you come back en forma de tortura

memoria incendiar

love-drowned in this body (of water)
i can't find a reflection
but resistencia
echo

precious your eyes, night your eyes, screaming, your eyes ageless now

i'm in your arms somewhere in the water

could we overcome betrayal death disappear and so on and

could we sleep

what histories can i turn to

[puño]

comandante ramona, our continent bifurcated war goddess

this america

on the backs of

that america

tu poesia through a barrel

dreams emptied out capsized attached / umbilical corded to terror

people of truth annexed a people, shattered people of kevlar / thread-bare bordered people vulture people / carrion a people, blood-smattered people of shells

shipwrecked

of mayhem

of fragment

on the backs of

spirit of cihuacoatl, alive untamed gente de pañuelos, people of the highlands, gente bordada, zapatistas

quien puede autogarnos

we go out into the world through language.

you are history



manofistos / your third kidney, grey #5

what was it you said to me indistinct flutter days away i still feel you my fear is without your skin I begin to fail I could have recalled my blood / venom without your skin gravity pulls on me directs me I slip away fade shedding skin shedding my shadow shedding the recognizable parts of me *insurgent* days gone I still taste maize [lips against] my mouth what I've been hiding my child shadow moves (in me) feels the outside consumes red hot embers so scarred inside it doesn't even show

I remember the night and

sometimes

i seek in you

your face i don't see as face but handgun as blades in rotation marcos / ramón as accessory somewhere I thought I heard you mumble/humming still it's as if The River drowned you

remember when i moved you remember you had a future remember we marched remember you couldn't keep poetry escaping through each gesture

what ghost are you campesino what fever pitch the clutch of you hollow

must I dream and or always see your face as handgun your face behind ski mask

your face bordered by jungle

and embroidered

esta usted en territorias zapatista en rebeldia

press into it something that

will burst you open

did you say this no this can't happen to me maybe in the dark there in the coffin there in the jungle night under the arch of wood

under the canopy of trees can you become he who lives your destiny in the jungle

there's no place for you

in this

what makes me think i can feel your last exhale on my skin

how can I split history in two / into you



