the fall into language

finch song from the wood's shade
  color of sunlight on birches
  illuminations by which to read
  hieroglyphs a sapsucker leaves
  speech quick or speech frozen
  the word heard
  or the word
  seen but silent
  bird is noun
  to write his poem
  sapsucker taps and traps
  in amber liquid his insect dinner
  each one eating the other

      I am a noun
      I am no thing
      I eat from the tree
      I speak and I die
      eating compels me
      verb is master
I place two books one open upon the other
the position for copulation
verbs not nouns are copulative
empty words are fullest in meaning
from these two books are born
the labyrinth the dream
sky cage

a
tangled skein
the changing form of in-between
I dying live
words with legs walk off the page

In summer comes a different kind of snow
cotton drifts from the poplars
settling everywhere or nowhere
white flowers on the water
white moss on the stone
white foam on brown earth

unseen finches sing
a voiceless bird hops by
visible
in one continuous band of light
suns bud off from suns
the Word sows words
overtones
balance on a jet of water
here's nothing
but poetry

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