

When they put out cigarettes on me the pain was orange
 The crunch of centipedes the hiss of candles
 When they left me tied to a table I went numb
 When they untied me the pain was sparkling
 Broken glass and needles, bamboo and butane

- 13 I know what the cattle are afraid of
 They are more frightened by a passing train
 Than the clanking of their own conveyorbelt
 They think in pictures and highpitched noises
 The gears that drag them up the spiral
 Are incomprehensible to them
 They cannot smell their own blood
 They cannot spell their own screams

I don't understand love but caring
 I understand perfectly.

- 14 Admiral Frank Kelso II resigned after Tailhook
 Admiral Richard C. Macke resigned after telling reporters that three U.S. servicemen who raped
 an Okinawan girl should have hired a prostitute instead.

Admiral Jeremy Boorda's suicide was unexpected

Mold aluminum flakes paint meat parasites and additives
 Thymus benzene salmonella solvents and metal
 I wonder what came into contact with him

Landing Navy planes on ships off Korea
 I wonder why he liked McDougal, the West Highland
 Terrier who was impossible to train
 I wonder why he likes the fact that
 My first notable action upon birth was peeing on a nurse

- 15 My house it is leaning sideways
 Resisting another generation's rain

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Stalks adrift from the fields that were tilled
 This relentless relentless gray
 The windows shuttered at Newpoetry Intranational
 Another stabbing again

The water that purifies clogs
 The environment is protesting

It was not our purpose to vindicate, castigate, exculpate.

There will be even fewer vegetables this year
 What can we do but curse the sky, the weather, the news?