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1 - Blue sky prefaced

Dedicated to Philippe de Dieuleveult in memory of his generosity, of his TV program and of his splendid book "I have blue sky in my passport".

First movement

Hailed before, recurrent, sly jingles
and erratic scoops locate in the distanced Past
attuned watersheds, deserts' revelation, savannah tales,
so fast went the team of youth and surprise...

Second movement

...three faint notes triumph of the last waits
fickle months left encroached,
spliced behind Kinshasa falls.

Third movement

Sunday's ritual preserved clues
clear uptakes, wonders free'd.
By the open view, litorns acquaint
with the message congas enlivened
wanes' deniers:

Fourth movement

*"Don't let immure your heart
if adverse seasons dry the tears of ruth,
stanch rhythms they early bathed
grew stronger and invite Oberon's moving friends.
Seals, whelps confide their prudest talisman,
dolphins translate the joy perused maps, guessing books
twice impelled.
Since together, we drew near the fjords,
enigmas fledged
blue sky prefaced with new passports".*

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Slavonia's answering thaws

2 - Thawing March

Part 1

Millinaries' blessing aorta,
shackled decades' indomitable envoy, confessing the thaw,
the Vistula transcribes uncensored reflections
from the spires of the archbishoprics' vessels
for the ramified tributaries' plain adapters.

Culling Astronomer's endowment
to the Gdansk corridor,
before temporal Lent's observation
put in concrete form
breathings' expectancy
on the reliant Baltic's welcome,
Sarah's immolated progeny patronized
with unsullied Kolbe's testimonial,
Pass over the tears, carotid of Easter Jordan,
a multitude anointed the Odra.

White eagle, adding feathers, nailing down the breadth,
austere pharaohs shared your crown.
Yesterday's magnates benumbed spontaneous Del Crederes.
Modern Sanhedrims
keep on low diet quotidian signers.
Phrasing the triads through electronic control,
Mazurians vie with
Ursa Major's quadrature.
Pastoral staves, by liquid proficience, shoulder handselling Notableness.
The impervious binocular head master tries to recollect
his original instruction.

Could this one reveal the code?
quinquennial equations never found
how far currents' processions fertilized
fortitudes' creative accounts.
While David's opening candles fructified on invisible branches,
germinating equivalence at compound interest,
Hebraic March, Western Slavs compassionate
to support each other pain in solidar nonce for Wealth.

Part 2

With two thousands words, cross-bars on a staff,
 the Leo's index upholds the Vah
 and from his tail, a lyre federates whispering Moravians' cellos.
 Venceslas' corner-stones diffuse Jan's protest.
 Making of Reverse a pragmatic labour,
 Thomas' violin, Alexander's bow
 transfigured the labarum's horn-books conclusively.

Candid Salamanders' pianist, often suspected by colder capitals,
 The blue-eyed Velteva stories aidant gates,
 veined as Thermopylae, in octaves' unison.

Part 3

At Pluto's banquet, Farmer Jo's Ephemerides,
 Franklin's registered deceits uncouple
 Ruthenian boots, lightnings' shoes,
 Stephen's magyar waist-coats, Pegasus' grizzled pinions.
 On behalf of the Giants' forking appetite,
 secularized Iscariots concentrate cruises' focal guttas.
 Coquetting Muzak's regency,
 embezzled soles fleet and strum.

The old Nick's hospodars reconvert his Muntenian palace.
 Exporting oil but nothing for merchandized children,
 the independent Minotaur fluted a little Gordian too long.
 Patriarchal tympana react upon crooks in the maze,
 oppressed cymbalums thrust aside scaffolding masquerades.
 Like Antonescu gulped down Pretium Doloris,
 the near by Pitesti's curator repaired crawling brass,
 rusted bugles.

Part 4

If Dracula's exploits mystified sensitive travellers, blacking out
 true born Transylvanians' good natured moonlights,
 villagers participated when the films yellowed and relaxed
 wan tomorrows.
 Brătianu already gauged feeding, tanks' social paramount.
 In peaceful embracements, fain cronies
 voiced Martinmas' house-warming trumpets.

By night between the Prut and the Nistru, threading the Milky Way,
 Bessarabians slumbered, Ismail refreshed
 Sinaia's communing storks.
 Settled, Vladimir Oulianov's zealous harvesters,
 along the Narva, down to the purlieus of Tiraspol,
 with robust tools erased
 obsolete feudalism's last subduings.

Over hill, over dale, fellowed respects were bordering,
on the hay carpets, bull-ocks, ass's foals gave each stall a new spirit.
Motherly tranquilized, Orphean performers
initiated Years of discretion until, though and after
intolerant czars' red champion subtilized free ripenesses' trouveres,
lying for waits
another congealments'era.

Part 5

Autumn constellates, poppies' lenient caravans,
by sanguine dispositions, tender
to the captivated vagabonds sappinessand upshot on the same shedding.
Jazz properties elaborate
unalloyed kits and quires' jumping off place.
With a full section's backing,
seven patented messengers, above the dooms
firm Praha's rainbows doubled while...

...paler conventicles endorse paps' gleanings, cauldrons' scrapes,
ovens' medleys throughout penetrating dusks.
Varsaw's hooked wanderers
unload the viatic substitute,
punch the single tickets.
Pursuing the direct line across the Styx, near the junction,
who shunted the trains afar?

Pauperized visionaries descry,
beyond rude awakenings' tunnel,
organ-stops, Spring proposals.
April gowns, carnations resuscitate.

31 May 1987.

3 - Hope was safe

Part 1

Basil's premiums, Cyril's perennial grafts, Pouchkin's nectars
in forward-looking corollas resume
connected statements with attentive rays
whose probatory otions stabilize, launching,
next to the zero, hurtless degrees, cosmic salutes.

Samarkand's muezzins antedate prolific Bāīrams' edification,
faultlessly attuned like bequeathed Chapters on Top of the World.
From unassailed damburas, Mellifluence, relayed by all
jeopardized camps, through the defiles, versed and expressed.
Following Hegira's steed when oblivion swept away acknowledged principles,
quickeners rallied round deserving marabouts.

Elfins' undermined hops reascend starry trails.
Muhammad's incoercible lunations primely orchestrate
stratosphere's pacers disembittering
proletarians' noble weather-dance.

Balalaikas' vitalities delegate their avant-garde.
Touching unknown transports, the steppes' pithy Amazons reconcile
earth-founts, specular novelties, sages' fervour.
Vibrating chords' redeployment, three score and ten motions
adduce wills.

Part 2

Iaroslav faired, Ukranians seeded, banduras meekened lots.
Consolidating peninsular thresholds, weaponless Tatars perceived
annual Crimean growth.
By essence intermarried,
Eurasian gerbs, energies' commitments divorced.
Striking the lutes, near the last mirror, Armenian weavers sighed.
Greedier than Katarina's falcons,
the Georgian vulture almost exhausted
Prometheus' continuators.

Eleven crops, matching chessmen, cigars punched,
Nikita's vulpine dons garnished the mausoleum, muzzled Cerberus.
Kolyma's tutelar plenums then reduced mails,
the watchtower's platoons synchronized.
Leonid's master of the hounds, Head-works' chamberlain took the lead.

Prepared as meteors' casters, dully extolled,
reshuffled systems, happy mediums cool down.
At the winning post, less augurs, more counsels for the defence
of the samizdats' readers marked
the celebrations' succeeding programs.

6 June 1987.

4 - The answer comes

Part 1

Undeterred, the Neva reviews
guided platforms, take off citadels, cupolas' loftiness.
Concerting with deepened clouds' retinue,
sky scrapers' respondents, Lagoda's birds of passage
and aerials' slim forest,
lifelong militants' active faith
in humane Russia's present cause imparts...
...as the Perspective mantles.

Chorus 1

Key notes ever smile for a man of his word
unspared by material verdicts, debarred from legs.
Clear voice on a rolling sledge, he extends
hospitality's rounds
as far as eventides can go.

Part 2

Beneath Jacob's Septentrion ladder,
rejoining Sonia, Muichkine and the doctor Iouri,
when the Darks' empire invaded Saint Piotr's secret entrance,
anonymous luminaries suffered to preserve
ideas, land, feelings' heritage.
Humble harmonies enriched
while dressed in patience an earth still hiding
prodigal certitudes.

If expert minds limit
their deviations' cure on economy's outlets,
differentiating their marks,
consistently authentic, now there are
many more than three wise men of the East
waiting for the Rebirth sign.

Chorus 2 (variation from the first)

December chorists guaranteed as coming the answer.
Like Mikhail before the Advent,
Nikolai's only possible moves,
in the entire Verity, still part and parcel, have inclined
to Slavonia
our best wishes.

8 August 1987.

Arizona's fuel and rumble

5 - Over the ridge

First movement

Out of the dusty wilds,
brisked up where brawny cactus sheathed
the spangling crates from ruby noons,
spectra communed with the shut.
Enfilading the canyon to the creek, fetched in absolute Turquoise,
over the ridge, close by Navajos,
this meloe pia emanated, stark, native and subtile
long after July dawns, settled for praise, receded,
environed like the sober chiefs, buttressing con
the profuse knaveries' assault.

Second movement

In early moods' undertone, the Colorado debunks
while the Gila reroutes
canalized dumping, chartered scoops and artificial peps.
So strange kennings weighed down
since the last crusade's tricky lawyer has transformed
the Pacific stumbles into big Mac's ducked sensation.
Near the stalwart Bearer,
husbandmen's balsam, quaint retired,
San Diego's phantoms seek refuge.

Third movement

She looked more a poniarded whale than a rescued buffalo.
The nostalgic petty like Magnum still wonders why,
encaged if untamed,
Thanksgivings' irisated brooks have cohered
the late Count Basie's pertinence
about Frederic's supreme steps.
Heroic flames' new sagamores dated the Pride
from Fitzgerald's brethren to Neil Armstrong.

Fourth movement

Blurred Zimmerman senior gums' easy rides,
bland tuckers soon repatriate
the rotor's wheel racking their shaken privacy.
Warhol's banana unglued silver linings,
Virginia corsairs, without reserve, discharge
Honesty James' mild decision.

August 1987.

6 - International gate

Part 1

Who cried under the canopy when transuded Arizona's fuel?
 Dance attentors keep on shouting:
"Ollie the nice is a non stop pander's rumbling".
 By the byes, the scenario's veteran remodels
 "International Squadron".

In Guantanamo's cash and carries, *"por que viva las Verida"*,
 the brave colonel Theo rebaptized Maine's novitiate.
 Bravo, scouts from Santiago, the thirteenth immense conception
 will surely follow the example.
 Once located by Sampson's rapparees, twice electronized
 after Phoenix recommendations, beyond doubt,
 ardentnesses' third redundancy
 stays the unconquered incredible Titan.
 Orwell, cheerio!
 Neglect the Cosa Nostra's sable limousines.

Part 2

Could these forces' durance eradicate the columbariums?
 Upon a treaty of good condition,
 while some epoch-making chaps' diligence,
 with tomahawks and harpoons, slightly alter the data,
 Vulcan's phalanx reposition the initial 63 passions' victors.

Who blundered the fuel when cried
 BB39 for Arizona?
 The dubious publisher keeps on pressing:
*"Madonna's business will aver
 commensurate with the baffling brood"*.
 Ollie the nice transfers, some flushing laurelled
 the barracudas' stampers.

Part 3

Between Ohio and Danang, avast perplex cities!
 Most left in great pomp Memphis, japaning the Sovereign.

The rest, like Elvis, until the end, contracted a sole desire:
 gamble, huff, butler, off the turnpike Tennessee, let's talk turkey.
 The ragamuffin polluted crooners mergin' the marbles.
 Arabesques' hostages, on a gravel road, whatever the ghetto,
 awards did not save Gary.

From a terrible pawning,
set against the majority rules by medias
and the ungovernable diagnosis,
an honest buddy has accepted the reprimand
for refusing to abandon the international colleague.

August 1987.

7 - Red and green horizon

Part 1

Grand Guru in Khom...
...as the Disney dual Cockayne troops allured the satellite
over Ispâhan, by Chiraz,
wolves packaged, caviar reputed the Eldorado muslims.
The Gospel servants sacrifice for the Prophet
while eulogize his homonymous raiders,
Suez contemplates the tankers' gross tonnage.
Engraved to the pyramids, crossed behind the temple,
the squadron's nucleus reformed, near minelayers, a thought.

The yester dealings almost
eliminated animals, bosses and tugs,
Ike built the Pedestal operation.
We did not calculate: how can the Lord's drums
get really tough?

Part 2

Outside Metropolis realm, the voodoo failed to disturb
beef or mince burghers, Cadillac robbed,
Warren's contradictors.
If this protection abolished heavy bags' pressure,
the whisking rebels' front runners have let crowing
the vice queen of acid navels
tinned at super coke addicts' studio.
Sharing a serum the Northern Erik had never clipped...

Part 3

...back in the dusty wilds where ruby noons,
spectra and the spangling crates communed with the shut,
sheathing the cactus,
near Arizona natives when the absolute Turquoise
has fetched the sober chiefs' subtle meloepia, who cried:
*"We have borne America's change
like Cochise, James Carter, John Lennon and Ronald"*?

30 August 1987.

8 - Near lieben Odil

Part 1 (tempo primo)

A cony's tail brushed the underwood,
no witness alarmed squirrels' love-toys and delight,
forget-me nots ,buttercups, blue bonnets, straw plats
draped for every meadow's safeguard
altars' penthouses.
Crystalline conversations filiated
clappers with yodels,
Hesperus, Virgo called Tyrolian sprites
apples of brown eyes.

(allegretto)

Precious like wing-footed ballerinas' tip-toes,
dauntless when Hammonds' regals fledged
Löhengrin's evasions off gloomy Bayreuth carcanets,
those were the days ancient beards placed beyond all price,
from alpine bowers, some painted hazel sweet
a musical casket.

Chorus 1

By the crossroad where parking tunes selected a perpetual serenade,
as the progressive mountaineers' most delicate ambassadress,
a magic edelweiss came to ride 68 bounded shades,
over the mopings' hands, on the grand tour's willing stunner.

Transition

Less cautious, more distinct, after München's brewed gramaryes,
a red-crowned pastry cook delivers his Jew's harp
for glancing reveries along the dessert-spoons.

Part 2 (allegro)

Wishful sideboards' boogie trends, midway from Vienna,
a Portuguese courier whose festivals' suit outmanoeuvred
desperados' purgatory, Atlantic yards.
Slicing the bop to jumps the scratch of diffidence,
gingerly combed, Joella's spleen let down
her Venitian perfect oval.

(allegretto dolce)

Re-inventing the gondolas' slide,
perched, armed and cherished at the sound of two sweeping oars,
Salzach, Inn waters pledge the chosen few's visas.
Dan's consummate defeat against Shorty,
climbing Lucy's fool proof guerdon,
little Olive's trembles near Eloïse,
better than dudes' exhibition authenticated
Yesterday's chrysalis.

Evolving chorus 2

By the crossroad where parking serenades
 carry up Odeon's nightingales,
 till the attached merry go round moderates
 reconnaissance waltzes, fingers' idyls,
 no disclosure affianced eglantines' apparel.

(little scherzo)

Leaning help through chaste honey, ebon limberness,
 like the visage you have reposed voluntary moors' assent.
 While glimmers' customs apprehended denizens' selection,
 one by one, seventeen hide aways' yarns made a beeline
 for the grand tour's willing shuttle.

(tempo primo)

Eulenspiegel's capering lanthorns
 surprisingly drew unprofaned boulevards,
 wabrus moustaches enlarged dulcified staccatos.

Part 3 (allegro con brio)

Saint Cyr's Paladin[1] outgeneralled buffers.
 Laminating Parisian clare-obscures,
 souvenirs tumblers sentenced in camera,
 furtive drops, germane lids,
 goldsmiths' case of instant joys
 absolved a comprised dilemma's language.
 Non pareil Mick's pearly braced virtuoso,
 one sooth an yare, behind the nooks, summarized.
 Fleet shaloms, kith hours, lost and found, yet unseen,
 we have draped impossible streets' dull cement
 with colours' interplay shoring hearts' canvass,
 lips paired, anthems rose,
 ultra mundance solstice reenkindled,
 pollens' staminas conjured defecting words'
 ambush.

Part 4 (allegro ma non troppo)

Poised like seats were on the Panoramic overhang,
 pines' needles catapult sorrowings, jetty motes to the last ditched penance.
 Avowals' rebounding perpetuates translucent syllables pronounced...

Chorus 3

...near by the crossroad whence Zarathustra's autodafés burnished
 Schoenbrunn leitmotivs,
 extemporizing spiders coated Berenice's gossamers
 in baroque pasquinades, Zollverein's homilies and a striping eyeliad.

(allegretto)

Gothic kreutzers, Niebelungen still clash
to re-establish worthy gems' legitimate owns
Siegfried's bards usurpated.
Scrambling over the ashy tryst,
lone angels depurated sprinkles, two fell apart,
laving the Soil, untitled numbers and the pavillion
where mercy tellers' love quills have survived.

(andantino)

Affiliating Johannes Brahms' unmistakable gemütlichkeit,
far from the tangerine vapours,
blasting socialites' litterature,
an Eden's racy godmama reigned
until about to faint, she handled the box epitomizing
a fluent selection: quite rightly Times' sanctuary.

(tempo primo)

Odil's laverocks, Cedric's duans intrusted fragrance on Karel's tulips,
warlock peckers peeped, Acme's virtue launched
craftsmen' zee nostrum: Viribus Unitis[2].

6 July 1987.

[1] Colonel De Gaulle in 1938.

[2] The honest emperor Franz Josef, as well as this ship bearing such a dedicated name (it means “joining our efforts”) launched the idea of federative states (Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia...). Sadly, the war occured and later Clémenceau rejected all possibilities of a separate peace ruining this hope for generations.

9 - For Friar Guillaume Stevant

Part 1

Ancient renowns, funny pastels, familiar inks
 quarterly sailed behind the Method and the Guise
 contrivance or phlegm,
 Virgil botanized, Hellen furled argosies.
 When the trite stopped to pave, puzzling mathematicians' aggregate
 by exits from nether dikes...

...Urania's fugelmen climatized on their vehicled jaunts
 a trampoline for the unsought.
 Near Shakesperian loop-holes, a zephyr's lonely prank
 quickened Falster glees.

Chorus 1

So russet was the rood, three jocund teachers
 banned the Austere, calmed the Sirens.
 No booms chagrined jowls' narrations
 cos' thick were the walls at the chalking azures' institution.

Part 2

Sir Raleigh esteemed the plans.
 With Bodicea's lore in scutcheon's device,
 above Heptarchy's points, Knud's symposiums, Hastings' glossers,
 taffies, brooms' sparrows trilling Bondel
 to Richard upwaft the candid professor Bede Monk.
 Farther snoozing armadillas and frowned satchels' criterions,
 he cleft the brute Fotheringay's dependence,
 typifying measureless realties by the meers
 after Owen Tudor's impelled by the requests
 he made chaunting while forethoughtful:

*“Have caught a glimpse of O'Neill's clan,
 from Caledonia, indulge Walter Scott.
 The Protector's braggart will outrage but retain
 the companionable Milton, in your dues' favourers.
 Before valuing Nassau regimen,
 do not blemish clubs of Saint Patrick,
 blunting Drogheda spades' decoyed reverence.*

*Meet the bairns who precede fifers' roundelays
 and on a cottaged till,
 usher with Ann the gist”.*

Chorus 2 (progression from the first)

So russet was the rood, this sturdy knights' jocund herald
 has let two vivified teachers
 crayon the Sirens' calm, regenerate the Austere.
 No booms chagrined jowls' narratives
 cos' thick were the walls at the chalking azures' institution.

Part 3

Van Goyen sublimated kelps and ferny tires,
 Abraham Bosse figured,
 provincial delves, à la mode frills neutralized.
 Aaft the umbrage of Purcell,
 Defoe beckoned Friday's naturals.
 Zesting oiled nurture for Swift, from his spicing islet
 unto the ferial quayage,
 like Chanticleer, the professor Reynolds buttoned the sharps.
 Ma'hon and Monarch had insnared John Byng,
 simon-pure valiantness paused after Pitt a quirk,
 he chambered tools by dint of Art,
 through the key hole...

...Lavoisier's flatus once triumphed when prevailed
 Florian's stream against the cardinal weirs' pompeous tergiversations.
 Soon these queries' umbrellas were padlocked and jostled
 aprons' discipline.
 How clever Mirabeau's glibnesses could farandole
 gerundives' verbosity,
 few corroded the bastion a certain Robespierre maximed:
 "*Excalibur's revised apparatus*".

Part 4

If Corsica's mandolins sped ad aperturam libri sonnets,
 the elder Napoli compiled in sapience.
 August's naze did not fret the cicadas,
 October prowesses fullfilled hardy capes.
 With Gainsborough's light, on lammas day,
 Garrett tapered, the Nabis solved.
 Near Constable, eureka sufficed,
 Thornycroft preemployed.

Chorus 3 (evolution from the previous two)

So russet were the roods for dreams' emblazoners,
 Odense chaffinches expressed good tact and real sense.
 Wattling to Solveig's Gauguin's hermitage,
 demurenesses journalized subjects' harmony.
 Friar Guillaume Stevant encouraged zephyrs
 by azured institutions.

10 - Chase on sectors

Part 1

Between Malta roofs, Saint Michel's trefoils and Donegal fiddles,
talking to the elk, off Snaefell Jökull,
semper ad eventum festinat.
Preluding the simple ones' victory,
well over the tides, near Aldebaran's train,...

Part 2

...like the condor's crest, flown against duelling culls,
an heedful guider, from the boon cabin, has given
every climbing searcher the span to reach
Popayan's white teens
and Puno's spry capers.

Part 3

Already four, winters matured adventures scales,
the Kena taught:
*"In patness, where are you now,
challenging Oblivion's snares?"*.

Part 4

Half worn-out, wedged, pruned series bundled,
snowy hamlets, eaves' conversants regress.
Obdurately, the cuckoo renders
spreads, images then tallied by
another chase on sectors.

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