

Among the Names

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[not having known how to give]

The Sun King
 takes
(as is his job)
 or rather
is given
 Madame's attention
the circle
 of time and of
the gift
partition of
 law and economy
"I give you my now"
 precludes the antithesis
(& here the vulgar
circle again)
Can we see instead
perhaps an arrow
 of one's desire
aimed at intention?
 to bestow
 as ruse (no calculation)
results in secret
economy
"across the forgetting/the non-keeping"
 I did not know
(the gun was loaded)
 I did not know
it was a gift

[the list of fatalities includes the book]

discourse = the language
of bees

(the book reduced
to paper
and pulp)
“posthistorical dandies” (madman & lover)

give profusely

the State (self-conscious)

gives away
its nothing-
ness
an empty vessel
slips on a verandah
“economy as mysticism”
the future “cruel”
beyond the fence
of the present
see how the edge
slips over the edge

[a flow of speech]

I give you a word
 its gift
to be measured,
 dear listener,
who wants
the object
and thing
 in common language
whose value explodes
 as we meta-
communicate
 God into flesh
of thought
 or voice
(an organ of breath)
 the life you
save may be
 non-
linguistic
succeeding
 though words
give way

as in

the dream
when sheaves are
 counted
moon and stars bow