

# Three Poems

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## Rot Logic

I'm not enough to keep anyone from being  
locked out of the human  
that's a concept gallery I mean  
it's a tonic nightclub  
I mean it's an analytic vent I mean  
it's a meltdown palace I reconstitute it  
into a glamour field  
poppies until the song ends  
the folds of waves breaking  
so close you can almost read them  
dancefloor pastoral    technofossil rave    edenic resurface    choose one  
or more or get incarnated  
into my flat-affect void  
talk is so uncrucial  
a valley of sundials delivering noon  
not at the same time  
but with the same coy divestment  
can't seem to shake it  
even with the correct objects  
forms of dismemberment  
maybe I'm dead already maybe  
the first verse didn't end  
a windmill gums the air  
its arms are wailing  
its mouth's inside-out

## Burp Castle

was never told burp castle  
was never told why burp castle  
just a benign melody burp castle  
spay the future burp castle  
the story burp castle ad nauseum  
prick the eardrum burp castle  
the dead don't speak to me don't burp castle  
nightmare plumage of masculinity burp castle  
pick it before it burp castle  
rots diaristic poetry burp castle  
please phone sex burp castle your senator  
the grocery store precipitated the crisis burp castle  
now w/out the mythos burp  
castle the fat-up burp  
castle the children off the shadows burp castle the casuistry  
of images burp castle  
the casuistry of words burp castle  
put our dread in this chthonic grocery bag burp castle  
and the world burp castle went slack  
it's probably desire  
burp castle blueprint for this affective pump  
who saw the possibility of different interpretations burp castle  
is not a border it is a transom burp castle  
is not a transom it is burp castle a grave  
the dead don't burp castle oh yes they burp  
otherwise castle do not eat or burp castle drink  
not potable burp sluice and castle back to burp back  
to body how castle do I burp  
dismantle the hand castle its burp castle  
I'm happening again burp castle  
I'm happening again

## Pock-Up

slope-slider's continued descent of slope-surface  
frictionless so speed's increase slope-slider's w/  
back vertical and thirty-five degrees to slope slope  
and slider-body's at the spine's base hinged left  
slider-body leg's flush to slope's surface right  
slider-body leg's bent up non-flush right slider-  
body knee's to chin slope-surface's clear glass  
beneath slope-surface's clear glass's liquid silver  
blackfleck trapped if slider-body's right foot lifts  
falls right foot's broken clear glass if clear glass's  
broken liquid silver blackfleck's untrapped

*What happens  
to optimism  
when futurity  
splinters  
as a prop  
for getting  
through life?*

—Lauren Berlant

*What happens  
to futurity  
when slider-  
body's  
pocked-up  
in the pelletive  
rain?*

right foot lifts falls

from footfall slope-surface's cracked keeps cracking  
slider-body's sliding down slope-surface now  
cracked speed increasing surface now-cracked  
touches slider-body's hands legs feet baseofspine  
slider-body moves to touch liquid silver blackfleck  
now untrapped speed increasing now now-  
untrapped's not liquid silver blackfleck now-  
untrapped's now microplastic pelletive rain  
pelletive rain encounters slider-body and by each  
pellet's slider-body's surface pocked by each  
pellet's slider-body's surface more pocked more  
pelletive more pellet-weight increasing w/out control

slider-body's not slider-body now now's pellet-body

thick still thickening pelletive rain pellet-body's  
surface pocks pellet-body's speed's increasing  
still help-calls but slider-mouth's pellet-mouth so  
help-call's pellet-call more pelletive rain's to  
pellet-body's now too-fast pellet-surface's now all  
pellet now all pock pellet-mouth asks slope-  
surface please slowdown no's said asks slope-  
surface please pellets retrap no's said asks  
pellet-body please self-unpellet -unpock no's said  
please no's said please no's said pellet-  
arms -legs -feet -baseofspine lift pellet-arms -legs  
-feet -baseofspine fall crack slope-surface's  
one mouth opening crack slope-mouth opening  
to pelletive rain crack drink the pelletive rain  
crack the pelletive air crack no's said  
no's said