

Five Poems

Franco Cortese

Gut

Ruptured yarn;
Fetal ribbon;
Chordate music;
Vertebrate king;
Soothsayer by way of entrails.

Oakum

Imparted motion;
Tooth and nail;
Precious stone;
Inherited rope;
Fleshy crest, fowl crown.

Sunday

Diffraction ring;
Rotating opal;
Standing cause;
Light personified;
A mock sun.

Algebra

Reunion of broken parts;
Era jab;
Vulgar pronunciation;
Bone setting;
Restoring, rebalancing.

Prominence

Stone skull;
Object project;
Mountain summit;
Risen hill;
Top rock.