

Bard College Bard Digital Commons

Robert Kelly Manuscripts

Robert Kelly Archive

5-2013

mayB2013

Robert Kelly Bard College

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.bard.edu/rk_manuscripts

Recommended Citation

Kelly, Robert, "mayB2013" (2013). *Robert Kelly Manuscripts*. 148. https://digitalcommons.bard.edu/rk_manuscripts/148

This Manuscript is brought to you for free and open access by the Robert Kelly Archive at Bard Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Robert Kelly Manuscripts by an authorized administrator of Bard Digital Commons. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@bard.edu.



[re]INCARNATION

What

they don't understand is that

I am born again from presence -

every person I can touch or touches me

gives birth to me again

without presence we vanish

into the dreamy world of seeing things

what we see and only see

is the imaginal world

olam ha-mashal

I've been calling it lately,

parable, parallel, likeness,

the over there of here I am.

Right over there something to member keep the word hurting you the pine tree takes care of itself – prove the power of your presence by walking through the door backwards be story, dear little volcano will you never come home? C'est à dire à moi I'm all ocean all this while so full of need the leaves are back I've just noticed the light all trapped in green only two things worth looking at at all, trees and the sea. All the rest of the visible will leave you flat and cheat you blind.

Then the man in the moon angry at what I said threw something down and hit me on the head.

4.v.13

What kind of music is this

that walks inside my knees

like temperature or a catkin

drifting from spring trees

harpsichord. I remember Landowska.

The way they used to think it sounds.

Birds gently confusing the issue.

And as we have been told there is none.

Of course the orchestra

follows us around

comes from a word meaning

dance or dance for or

where else does music

come from the ground itself?

The sun makes shadows

this is my gift

horror of the unseen

that shapes all the rest.

ORGANIZATION

Young tongue licks old word says be simple to mean be sly to sympathize it is so hard this thing to speak. 2. The tower struck by lightning or alchemist on the roof of it leading electric power down.

Two vassals fall from it,

ruins of the self, duality discharged in one flash of singular knowing.

One taste

alone, as ozone after, lightning strike, the multitudinous single sea.

3.

Tongue tip touching

torque of the aurora

renews our atmosphere.

North is different, north is now,

south is then.

Picture a person

standing somewhere

picture a person

knowing the place.

4.

Tongue licks, let's go

a wet spot lingers,

a word, a meaning.

Maden egan,

lick, don't lather.

The Greeks had to learn

the way of islands,

so many islands,

when you live on an island

you're never alone.

Therefore solitude

needs to be purchased,

mortgaged by language,

insured by silence,

lie on the shore and close your eyes.

On this day the eagle

listens to the message

the hummingbird heard while

guzzling in the flower,

the flower heard it from you

your whisper

at the brink of the day

when only the roses were listening,

on this day, the thing

you meant is carried

out through the sky

to the heart of all

such things as we are,

all the people of the light

blossoming, whispering,

flying away.

(after José Barreio)

[TRIADS]
Blue bolt
a jay
away
hark your manners
a snicker
in the mirror
what color
I can't remember
my eyes

Achaemenid		
too long ago		
to mercy me		
taxes unpaid		
the kingdom		
unground wheat		
old wood fence		
the propriety		
of not looking		
medieval maybe		
a tuft of cotton		
ear of corn		

1	1
1	4
	. ,

finch squabble		
Unitarian sky		
agnostic afternoon		
what is a chessboard		
after the empty		
trap come in.		

When the sight of a woman pushing her children on a stroller is less common than a homeless shapeless person pushing a junk-filled shopping cart along we know the time in which we live, where all property turns into trash and all children grow up poor.

Lost, is it luster?

Gravel pit in Devon

where my great-great-grandfather

picked a pebble up

and later threw it in the sea -

I have found that stone.

It floated my way

in a sober dream,

waves lifting tiger stripes of sunlight

and the wet thing at last in my hand.

"SMOOTH THE THREAD OF TIME"

(after José Barreio)

Day sinner / ajmac /

a sin is a twist

a backward curl

in time,

a sinner

bends time on itself

and remorse or forgiveness

smooths the thread again,

the current free

-- a sinner goes against the drift of time

turns his back on destiny,

does what it did not mean to do.

Or is it that the "occasion of sin" itself

a natural agency,

and sin a quick propulsion,

time times itself?

Sin = sein?

Be thoughtful dearling on a blue-edged wager

-- you only live inch

by inch in a miley world

so spill the Moët meekly

there's no brass band in the book

a spook over your shoulder strap

maybe, or sleeping Golem

in the vestibulum, crinkum-crankum

imagery of old-fangled science,

a tongue out to sass you

and a pulse-of-leasing on it

faithful to its trickery.

Avast, burdensome lass!

go scull your kayak to the sea

and lose it there, soaked

with permissions, a slim

islet soon shaped in salt.

It loves between your losses,

this world does, it leaves

you flat on your back

in fact but displays the stars.

Waiting for the news to need me

I think it's time to breathe again.

The faultless messengers got lost in the pass

and settled down with mountain girls

and who can blame them? So blue the gentian

the sweet ice tinkling scherzo every starry night.

Rest here between rivers, that's all I can.

A river, even a little one like this, knows

a thing or two, and I know a few, so between

its going and my staying there might be just enough

till the word they say comes over the hill.

People slow down

as they walk uphill.

And time's a pinnacle

I sherpaless ascend.

Every day

the world

a little less

of me below.