

from

L TRAVELS

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Dear L,

your gone-ness

acrid decree

to leave me this

thought

what if

loss

had been

our vow

Sincerely

Chichén Itzá

Machu Picchu

reluctant

begrudging

green

leavings

off

foot holds

halts

dwelless

ruin

from this base

call

camera

[continued]

rock point

relinquished

even rhythm

bit by bit

rise

giving in

postcards

in/as

charity

tense past

il legible

marble remains

regimental crystal

insignia bits

see a map

unscroll

gold

laments

a fray

elegant gainst

tidings

bayonet

at the border

lucky I thus the loose as

window passing pastel founts

this/that Madonna pink Maremma marble

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avored be by currency

afford such passage as

taxi meter's soundless measure

this time

this time

this

luckless

I minus L

missing

words

these meaning

snaky

metallic

the self's

own pipes

the rest

never

equal

re place

hydrangea arrive

a table monsieur

croque langue d'oc

madame non perfume

pate patter

sans company

terrace y

on attend

sauvignon ça

impatient swallows la

lavende acqua

bright pink mer

Dearest L,

thought

today

love, my

limb, missed

language, your

left, me

lucky, you

A THEORY OF THE VOWEL

by L

establish first

vowels

do not travel

well

long or short

ë é è

ö ü even i

& these

are only the Western

ones

[continued]

I L

holding my

Montepulciano

a-forth

a mano!

a Milano!

ever to make

great the bastard American diphthong

shout

pout

pound

Dearest L

thought today

of grief

open long

a mouth

a vowel

meanwhile dates &

green wax stain on the kitchen table

like before

walking

not

finding

senso

after

unico

count

sun

down

whose

red dress

red

[continued]

geraniums

another

red shirt

signora

the same

block

sensu

wrong

unico

repeat

written

sensu

in

[continued]

stone

of

one

today

not

by

red

L,

Consider

heat wave

west Nile

dead pigeons

prone

drought rain

still/despite

rumors

our wars

hawks

hovers

thus thus this day

dear --- click day
love gorgeous for
too up night come
medieval bed went
tomorrow on !! can
weather yummy go
incredible you if
back hope xoL

Dear L,

how/what you miss

cactus of

no-prick leaves

Christmas (so called)

soft magenta *buds!*

little swarm of

contagion of

slow

this

opening

	<i>noche</i>
who likes	
	dizzy
L	
	chance of
edges	
	wall perch
cypress tops	
	carry
voices	
	whose wine
vowels	
	line of
red & white	
	red & white
moving cars	
	the hour

noontime ritual

keyed lock

metalbox

yield from surge

of glossy

catalogue

lodged low with bills

public name

below windowed

cellophane

a private word!

How can

says L

say all? to stay!

[continued]

delaydelay

L reluctant

One last I swear!

O selfish L

to test

a way word

vow

great wall

if not parapet

scaled

who doesn't long

for

(fine cries or wails

go down)

though patch work

up close

is bare

branch

thistle

swoon

& you're

all

over

L,

Consider:

the left the leaver

the prone the loosed

afloat afield

opposed:

posture of loyalty of dissent

but L

one becomes

the other

TRAIN SONG

by L

L, careless L!
(turn off the cell!)

unjust
farness

little moon
can you do

or take
this a way

be
mean to me

grown accustomed
till you hear from

Der nächste Zug fährt Richtung Wien

dear ---

can self

miss self

out of season

blue-black iris

déjà vu

but

to miss one-self

in one's own present tense?

surprise surprise

(surprising L) I do

that is

miss me

scrim of leaf bits

brings *them* back

yellow stamens

thick stems

stuck

in home's water murk

[continued]

the one good

cut-glass vase

oak breakfront

whose stain

always seemed

dull dark

suspended

AN HONEST REPLY

Regret inform request letter impossible.

Rest careful resources respond. You of pardon we
impersonality better. Any cause convenience. Deserve.
Appreciate. Together.

Once thank choose needs. Are. There. For.

Sincerest

AMIDST

by L

mirror the months-old pilgrimage

maudlin nomad mournful

Marrakech Macau Madrid

macadam jam

custom time

numbing mundane melee

measly midwest metropolis

Minneapolis Madison

Map's Fold Missouri

if home

si change

vow *hoy*

*

break dustfront

deadhusk

*

fine time fine

airs

of theres

of home bland immerse

count

cunning

little

coins

little

clues

in retro spec

