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## **Metaphors for Breakfast**

Metaphors  
for breakfast  
flowers in air  
smells of flowers  
in air  
tastes of morning  
of in on air  
of in on transparency  
colors of flowers  
beauty  
in air  
in sunshine  
shapes  
combinations of shapes  
of sound  
in morning sunshine

structures of words  
images  
storm clouds  
dark grey  
black  
lightning and thunder

Storms  
early hunger  
when sun rises  
above our eastern ridge

rain on our roof,  
hail bounces from our deck  
storm sings rough songs  
to morning

Elmoak, our cat,  
sits by the window  
looks through glass

birds shelter

on our deck  
from hard-blown hail

Elmoak  
would eat those birds  
Metaphors behind his eyes  
are birds, as lunch  
or snack  
breakfast  
depending on bird's size  
depending on  
depth of hunger

I stir batter  
metaphor for sustenance  
transforming to pancakes  
flapjacks  
fried bread

words,  
yes words,  
something in language  
as if all meaning  
is verbal  
or can be captured  
in verbal structures

or pictures  
photographs  
paintings  
which try to capture  
the essence of a vision  
as if visions  
had dimensions  
only of sight

but is the thing itself  
lightning and thunder  
the storm  
what creates a storm  
the sun, rising  
the sunrise  
that which creates  
sun

sunrise  
warmth  
beauty  
light  
enlightenment  
creator of light  
enlightenment

batter  
eggs in batter  
frying pan waits on the burner  
expectant with heat  
hungry  
these verbal representations  
these images  
break fast

Cat  
Waits by the window  
excitement by the window  
reflection in the window  
of cat  
of storm  
of birds  
of excitement

hunger  
words  
images of hunger  
metaphors of hunger  
reflections of hunger  
hunger

I would eat  
Sunshine  
sweet smells  
newly-blooming flowers  
colors of morning  
storm clouds  
thousands of shades of grey,  
white, black  
lightning to the ridge  
black rock  
steams where lightning strikes

storm

rain

fog

cat

birds

images

smells

colors

reflection

pancakes.