

Little Gray Book

REPUBLIC OF THE OTHER

**If planning for the future
is escapism,
is it optimistic
or pessimistic?**

**What do you suggest,
dreamer?**

**The line must be drawn here!
This far, no further!**

The final frontier is interior.

**The most beautiful moment
is tomorrow.**

**As though
no time has passed.**

**Who is lying –
our feeling or the world?**

I think it might be that bad.

**A false answer
is the only answer
to such a question.**

**What's the point
in talking about it
if there is
nothing to be done?**

**Does my desire for agency
disturb you more
than the agency of my desire?**

**Exit becomes
the only imaginable strategy.**

**Being unable
to break down your barriers,
trapped within mine.**

**Honesty of this order
threatens order.**

**Trapped in the empty space
of our silence.**

**Who shall say
which of us is right,
which is wrong?
Perhaps we are both right
and both wrong.**

**If you and I are no different,
what do we have
to give each other?**

**And we did not trust
that freedom of indifference.**

**I keep thinking
it's going to get easier,
but it doesn't –**

**No, it doesn't,
it just gets more familiar.**

**Not even silence
gets us out of the circle.**

**Lies merged and assembled
until they split us apart.**

**Claiming ownership
of that freed self
was another.**

**Freeing yourself
was one thing.**

**The front line
runs through the middle
of each of us.**

**The enviable clarity
that comes
from not having
to make yourself palatable.**

**The distance between
the self and the universe.**

Nobody owes us.

**Something common,
something minimally common
between us.**

**Every human being
as singular.**

**It's never what happened,
never the whole truth.**

**To sacrifice oneself
as the same
in order to rid oneself
of the other.**

**Waiting for something
that will never come.**

**They arrived invited
but
not welcome.**

**Saying everything
is the same
as saying nothing at all.**

Let the right one in.

**Every act
of communication
is a translation.**

**We're all in this together,
by ourselves.**

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**Is planning for the future
escapism?**

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