

Geometry

Rita Dove

I prove a theorem and the house expands: the windows jerk free to hover near the ceiling, the ceiling floats away with a sigh.

As the walls clear themselves of everything but transparency, the scent of carnations leaves with them. I am out in the open

And above the windows have hinged into butterflies, sunlight glinting where they've intersected.

They are going to some point true and unproven.



UNTERWEGS NACH KAMTSCHATKA (MATTHIAS JUNG)

Keeping Things Whole

Mark Strand

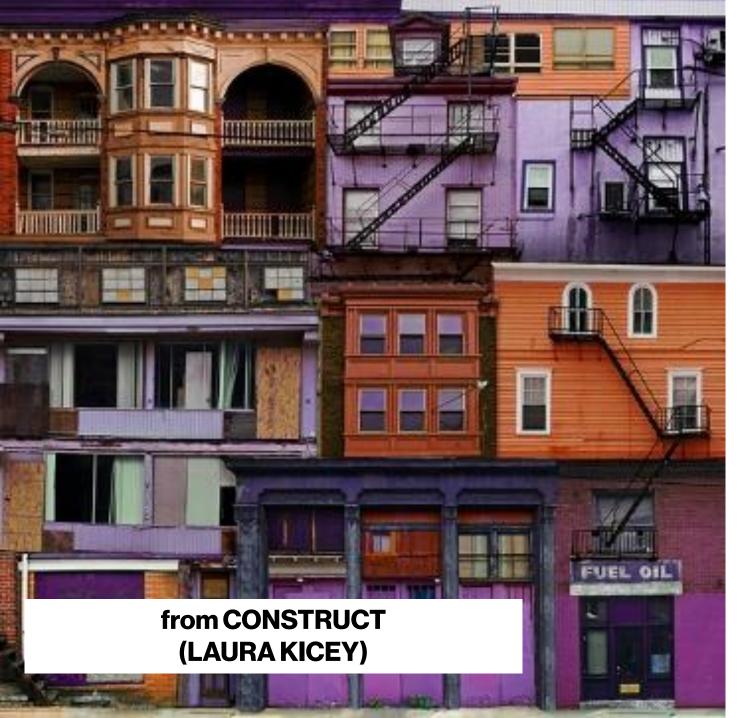
In a field
I am the absence
of field.
This is
always the case.
Wherever I am
I am what is missing.

When I walk
I part the air
and always
the air moves in
to fill the spaces
where my body's been.

We all have reasons for moving.
I move to keep things whole.

KURHAUS OST (MATTHIAS JUNG)





Song

Frank O'Hara

Is it dirty does it look dirty that's what you think of in the city

does it just seem dirty that's what you think of in the city you don't refuse to breathe do you

someone comes along with a very bad character he seems attractive. is he really. yes. very he's attractive as his character is bad. is it. yes

that's what you think of in the city run your finger along your no-moss mind that's not a thought that's soot

and you take a lot of dirt off someone is the character less bad. no. it improves constantly you don't refuse to breathe do you

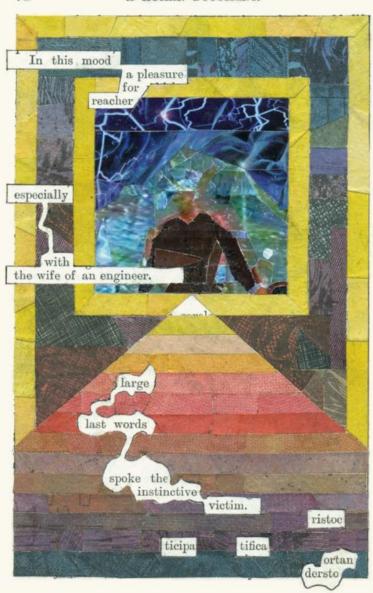


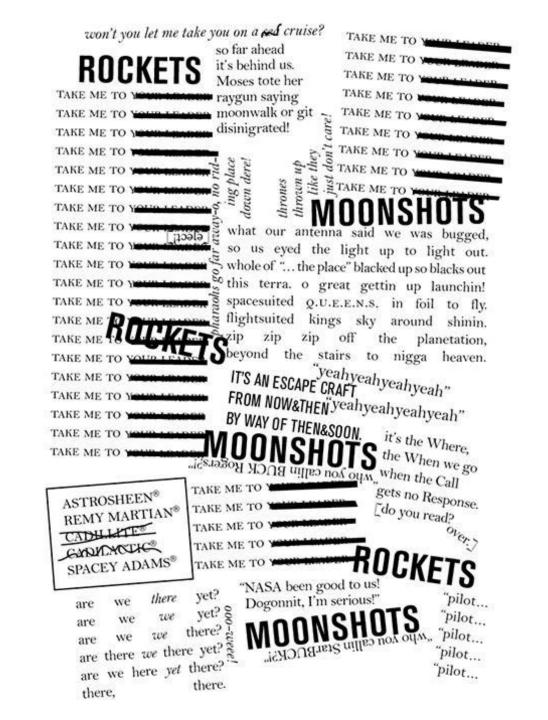
The First Rule of Sinhalese Architecture Michael Ondaatje

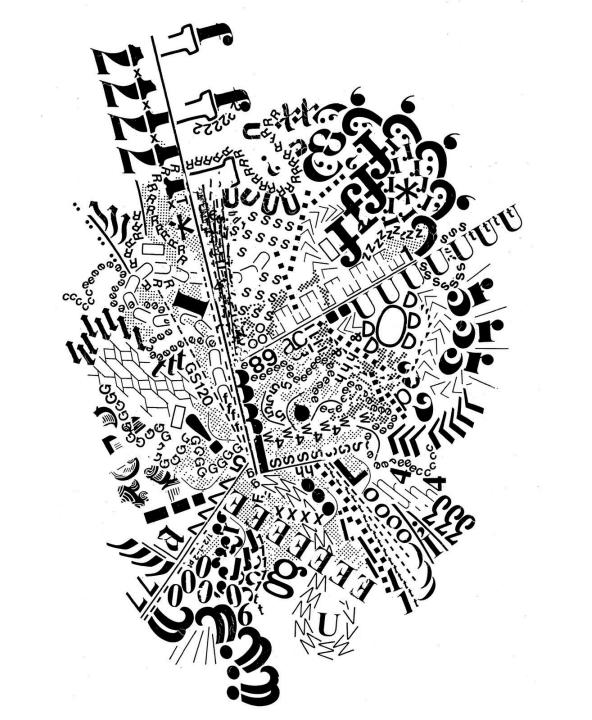
Never build three doors in a straight line

A devil might rush through them deep into your house, into your life









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Bachelard on design:

"All we communicate to others is an *orientation* towards what is secret without ever being able to tell the secret objectively."

"Thus we cover the universe with drawings we have lived. These do not need to be exact. They need only be tonalized on the muse of our inner space."

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Cross-talk: Robertson, Bachelard

"Literature tells us we will remember the house of our childhood, with its nooks and garrets...as if this house were singular..."

"When the shack dweller lays in supplies, she is composing a politics...[w]e like to remember that politics are collective experiments in belief."

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Activity Warm Up

Draw spaces for any binary set of circumstances below:

The last place you laughed	The last place you cried
The first time you ever heard a Drake song	The place where you last had complete silence
Your clearest memory of the color purple	A space which is predominately red
A pet you remember fondly	The last place you felt despairingly alone