

## Falling like Snow ...

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words, letters, signs,  
symbols arrange themselves  
in coherent and incoherent  
patterns guided by something  
other, but drawn from  
the accumulated experience  
of an editor/artist whose task is  
as easy as the breeze  
that swirls up from deep recesses  
and spins down again caught it seems  
in a magnetic ellipse  
until the message, meaning is transmitted

the same force drives all fluids  
in bodies, internally and externally,  
separation is myth

new zoos populate once green and flowering  
fields, the animals on spectacle captured  
completely in steel and glass towers engage  
in the tricks taught them by their keepers

click, click, click, frantic keyboards  
arrange designs, markets, mediums of exchange  
also caught in a magnetic ellipse  
but the specimens are unaware they are kept  
though they have no choice but to appear  
and perform in their penns daily

nothing replaces the wilds from which these animals  
were captured

now breeding in captivity their offspring know no other  
existence but captivity but have been taught to believe  
they are free though confinement determines every action,  
movement and thought,  
but what would a specimen born in captivity  
know of the real freedom their once wild forebears  
experienced?

a sea hawk hovers over the cemetery where wild flowers grow  
over graves, it twitches and dives like a bullet capturing its prey,

so efficient are its wild instincts  
the human dead lay buried with stone markers, names  
and captions comforting nothing but memories  
of things past

the new zoos have killed every vestige of life,  
the cemetery is in fact a second death, a necropolis  
that does not mourn the living dead  
in the cities/zoos of annihilation

the glass towers are on show for the keepers  
and those that have wild eyes  
to see or the ability to arrange snowflakes  
on the bitumen city streets of a scorching summer day

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