World End Acceptance Speech

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Prairie montage,

ive said it is as
i have told it
Dennis Cooley, *abecedarium*

Is this: glottal-growl. Rags-rap, rattle, narrate. Gravity occurs. Constant, consonants. Speak clear, chew. Particulate. What speech would make. A hardened spread. These fingers, thrum. A consequence of music; colour-spice, gymnastic voice. Dead, constellates. Spirals, slow to crawl. A wit for wings that. Misdirect. A dialectic spin. Hovers across bald prairie, devil-dust. Frequency, and speed. Whorl, baby. Pulpited, long pulped. Stinging, rain. Nevertheless. Warm spit and sound. An unwashed ocean of sky stretches, stretched. One lays out flat to dry.

A scarf sewn shut. Conjunctions, bleed. If wishes fishes, technique. Strobe. The illusion of deep snow, which is truly snow. Cities, planets, continent. Exclude, a fleeting habit.

What remains of winter; spring,

Plunged you down plunged
down by one minor detail
Sarah Mangold

Laden, comma. Heavy. Common thread. A snowy onslaught, pleather. Coats. Backed-up, curved, a reproduction. Side-long. Snow-sweats, sidewalks bathe. Reluctant. Margin, marginalia. Attempt to see if sentences can breathe, take root, grow limbs. A shiny tension. Time is free, up to a point. We borrow, shoplift, hoard. Spring. Perplexing, interludes. The earth absorbs unease, a taut line. Intercedes. A sunlit slope, foregrounded. Symptoms, iced.

Sick leave,

Forgiveness will be the hardest
and smartest thing.
Sarah Lang, *For Tamara*

Cough, mucous. Cough. Reverse tweet. We listen now. Uncorked. Cough, unburdened. Damned spot. Out. My handmade love is book-made, marked. Cough, into a handkerchief. Setting, numbered. Cough. Gargle, music. Driven. History is desire-rich. Shut your damned face. Cough. Mouth, careens: the body whole. Fulfilled, unjustified. The day agrees with function. Cough. Speak into a sentence. Interrupted. Cough. You, sleep now. Sleep. A word in pieces. Endothermic. Flounder, cough. Incline, I convert.

Acceptance speech:

I love the ology of clouds
Mary Ruefle, *Trances of the Blast*

Disorient, a shape. Cohere. What matters would be, antibodies. Truth. I want this, ambivalence. Branches: allusions wrestle, wing. Says one: forbid, thoroughly. What would have been excluded. Coiled, hammer, anvil. Reluctant patterns, boundary. Says one: we dismantle, endlessly thorough. Biopsy: linguistic. I am not ambition: all my roads repeat, interior, repeat. Winning. Snow-branch weight a study, low to ground. This brutal, excessive heat.