SUPPLEMENT 5

a chain of shadows

falls across the lives of all who see the trees. The passing sun regrets the curse it's forced to impress upon your mind.

As in the midst of a mescaline reality
You try
to catalogue each shadow
chronologically —
and it comes out

illogically.

So you walk among the trees

Wouter Broersma



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as seen from a cement sidewalk

how sight decays in windows for a laughing crowd, whose pennies jingle on silver lips then vanish, falling earthward.

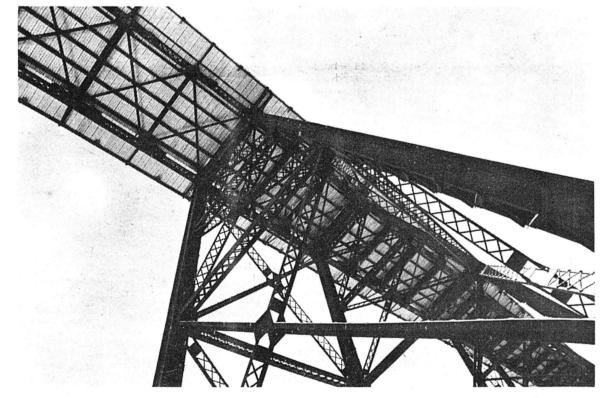
alone
each nameless form is mutilated,
strung with greens and garlands,
each pasty body lies in pieces
worshipped in a darkened room.

aenesthetized all trapped within the brittle air, their tongues glued to frozen windows a plaguish silence spreads as they cast lots for fleeing honour

last seen climbing to a concrete stand to accept a kiss from a fallen saint, here, too, searching for his long lost reason only living for his next hurrah.

Brian Flack

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