# **Three Poems**

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a long, low howl

stretching, frosted

text ure

crisp alpha bet

the ice sheet shivers, slips collapses in great, sugary clumps

#### slices through clouds

of explosion: huge clouds exploding in a tenebrous void

valley tumbling breaking open sky

snow packs a fissure gasps, a word, a fabric

we are reaching out with fragmented phrases and lenses hauled in from the city

## reaching out

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speech rivering dreams scattered in tents tides

of icy tessera are rising

it swamps us (its rubbery ribs ) (its shudders ) (its twilight vastness )

> rivers of magma pushed up through fissures, their delirious, polished flames, their cooling, crystal amplitudes...

the clouds have settled, are still settling gaseous creeks of snow are still trickling

still

the fresh young rocks from the ice fields rolling towards the pampas, towards the tourists and their flushed cheeks:

hot, bloody bodies of the light, searching for the promise of the opening as it cries,

cracks



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## From Ground to Sky: Tepual Forest

you're across chance come chance by no you've across come mossed most shapes laugh you've lined sighed laughing shapes sighs mess rigid claused fitted finish fiddling lines fibrous sense to whiched glimpsings of lives wet some stage at this thirst suck a broken pesado or films over grown frozening excretion talking pairs inhabit erect functions split hairs inhabit airy erections leave strangled trunks bare chat films of fidelidad fissures weupin splits talk rich twigs accumulated coastal sins la pena de la costa de la front rear up besiege old calyx blossom anthological tracks wakes tic man shiver the only weight sky shine tics shivering man estuvimos en hielo estamos a forest sic thinks sky never ate stars beneathing burnt sins dusts browned staccato perilous nor experiments our or possessions lágrimas what natured is community humid sexy & timely proclivity hit hard wrinkles pathings almost saved pasts could trust composition mossed figure

eight colossal collusions of cork the eved old orange heaps crushed heaps grievous earth shock my uterus calm carbon post chains vines' futured venom can and meters you could is coded in spiral and pheromone sense singing we and abdomen piel calle del stamens inmovíl and never iust etc.

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### Ant

a little rill of water a trickle stiff blackjack leaves, fresh muddy water I am the storm

the storm made music

ocean still remembers me slow swimming against the mind hawking after the huge globed against limey mud

> limestone rain a continent of caves, a karst-land sweet water chuckled and trickled clicker weedle witter snitcher clicker and clean – fact strigil clean to symmetry

purple quartz crystals blossom snowflake-feathery amethyst loops twines whickers slops chackling the only one to stop – chack!

> slick with antenna tip mouth touch: still my limp tongue my black mist speech

couldn't: throaty mix phalanxed food gather bringing back a caterpillar, dead cricket, or bread crust gorgeous and rhizomic burrowing into the weight of wood ECOZONO

heet-heet-hoot-of a form dragging battles wars of women: pincer dismem berment legs, heads, leaked acid gnawing breasts fiddling yiddick fickle scrillip clustowards mound hail mound, womb, wing towards mound the new queens bite off their wings the winged males and females emerging from the nest they sing, they spread small wings to flutter out above surf-spray twirling and drifts

stomps / salt-fuck desire driving groping for inland womb, lope

xiphillic, xenous xanthous gas rooming skidding the red-bark pine / sight of smell lifemind, huckle scrupulour I am frozen addled eggs on the tundra sprawl the hot guts, my

moon, the us is chamber, sheeeee: us-us-muses milky and night, hollowed freshed / lung caste in sense, sleeping in earth's chomping mouth