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### **"Telling Time By Clock"**

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TELLING TIME BY CLOCK

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The chisel on the stone, inevitability; the ghost that  
haunts the bone,  
and horizons lit of a false dawn, slowly sink back into  
the patient  
night, the burden loosely falling from the back of the  
dawn.

The scheduled feedings of the day, directions in  
themselves being the  
way, and the traffic moves to the stoic rhythm, of a god  
on narcotics  
manmade plan, to steal the life from the dead motions  
dream.

The circle of birth surrounded by, the pain of death and  
the wondering  
why, time is a part of the elemental bliss, but the clock  
cant tell what  
time it is.

Desire and the knowing of the river, does the sea  
deposit or deliver,  
with astral meanings unread by man, the stars clock  
and climb the  
heavens, until the innate doom defines the soul of the  
song.

Driven by the numbers painted face, we cant tell our  
time from our  
place, and the world is a graveyard for the dust of the  
universe, the  
electric dust of our making, the charged and woeful  
being of our flesh.

Turned an ugly duckling into an ugly swan, measured  
here and now not  
the great beyond, time is a part of the elemental bliss,  
but the clock  
cant tell what time it is.

We bleed not by measure but by blood, all rivers run  
lost in the loose  
milk of the flood.

Now; is all time set for the mutiny of the motion, in the  
gravity of daily  
dogma divided; distended, in daily bread actualized

and focused in the  
nucleus of being, and then stultified in this telling time  
by clock, until  
the welcoming of the worlds end breaks this rhetorical  
rhythm, and the  
clockmaker proves to be a dream taker, so god's own  
tic and toc and  
real rhythm by rhyme take the dance, and the work of  
day labor is so;  
graced by the work of ages.  
We should be telling time by star, living time by kiss  
and scar, time is a  
part of the elemental bliss, but the clock cant tell what  
time it is.  
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