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## INCARNATION

I'm just barely that time.      Half-particular.

One voice offers "you."

"Me." So I take it.      "She." I also claim—

At which we happen      outlines mostly loop,  
a flesh makes word.

Crisply outside its meremost      it distinguishes.

(Here and you and she) I am (of mother, father)

Could be anyone is

Realized I am as partial etymology I realize

I am quite suddenly at last being finite

severed from before

Severally plentiful happy to be other than

This one every day a taking place becomes

its unbecoming pulls it

Into bones the lucky body yours these into

## CHILDHOOD

Another one and yet an other someone else,  
I was never quite that child  
Never once was she exactly what I would become

I was barely there. She was my outer child  
but she did have fun—big fun  
My outer child—I was only there from time to time

At times we were living in that place, at others  
is it possible or barely  
Can there be that coal mine can there be that house

Had there been that childhood, were we those children  
could we have been them  
Really the ones in all those games, running fast

I was not even once the only one I was but  
every one of me was loved  
So much I am loving every one of them today

They are sometimes being loved behind their backs  
this one, and those  
It's best to love them quickly before someone becomes another

## MULTIPLICATION

Ardently peeling personalities they are  
never all at once  
No one is ever very much the case

Inside the 13 reliquaries 13 index fingers  
all by John the Baptist  
Many a pilgrim comes to see them point

Above the jeweled boxes many of the Johns  
are fingering the One  
Correctly he is coming 13 ways each day

He is always coming never more or less  
suggested by a star and sandals  
Recognizing him all wet *O Death where is your victory*

I can't quite put my finger on it Death O where  
and when the One says all  
Say any name that day you will be doubled

Tripled such will be your mutual regard  
× one × two × three  
In all your mouths the word is splitting several ways