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CITY

— the physical quality of life, that's

living, and not the analysis
afterwards or the moments of
discord or premonition —

there is

a

clearer

light

stark

boles

bark

lifting

layer

of

defence

the curved

circumference

of V's

in a

clearer

light

stark

boles

bark

lifting

layer

experience

curving

circumference

V's

branches
white slated road
clothesline spun pipe
left back flawbracket
flood beneath

once (lotteria
starting
building up
fact card

for [only] finding

application
wanting keeping

safe
not intending going towards
binding
contracts
creating
using
best endeavours
ensuring
displaying being better
storing being directed
being only

grasp rattle roll

wheeze last

cough

wheeze today

activity

bramble

if having

query [concern]

regarding

%

delicious!

reserving

open

now

enclosing

lately likely to

seed

old bloom spreading back wall
 next door's gloves secateurs
not cut back all

 day long early thirst
night time hunger among
between eventing rotating
 spin
 winging
 by

one
 day
 long
 tight
 breath pushing when
light
 pull lifting
 light lifting
roll

cold blown rose is a

the curiously unformulated

approaching
 ties

copying formulaic patterns

divide

thought sectioned
as sanctioned

religion?
this?

what passes

my mistake
thought

comical towers

long calls out
prehensile soundings

a little today!
yes. for me. overdue. she says.
well. waiting. wanting.
getting.

about
 being
 natural
 attitude consistently bidding

 freedoms

 papering painting buying
 no necessities dressing
 more all

 a blue-arsed fly
 after
 people conglomerating
 material
 items foisting on categories
 associated

 anyone where's capaciousness?
 distraction
 seconds

 * me ~ * me ~ * me ~

 strangulating
 tying avidly
 over any citizen

heart
where?
 readying steadying giving taking
loving making breaking coming in going out
spending whiling listening playing
tuning tiptoeing crossing shh sleeping

knowing they're knowing nothing

 enjoying this
 prolonged ride
on the current breezy day

sunlight blading floors

[over the road
(she's saying she can't go
 home sitting
 radio

(going pram to shops

(home

[radio

rosehips wilden

April

holding heat

cornering

warm

breeze

(haze)

white plastic

hexagonal

nailing gnarled

overgrown

doesn't like

rosebushes

wall

barbarous

constant

lower overhanging branches

dooming footballs

resting

sweeping brush

sky

getting out

short cricket bat

clubs all

broken

5

1 2 3

chanting

singing

baby listening dancing

clapping (

stamping tapping

sliding running circling

wide

watching rounding

rectilinear

space

home inside

flopping gasping catching

choosing reading

raising lowering speeding

slowing emphasising relaxing

story

remembering reading

enjoying

surprise