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## HAIKU

green, red or golden
leaves still flutter turning black
against summer skies

## CORNWALL

Brown Willy climbed so long ago
broun wennyly in ancient Celtic means hill of the swallows


## DEITY

the future of a rose, orang-utan or arsonist the lasting of a shadow or a star identify precisely all the colours of the sea tell when exactly suns will disappear and planets too moons also

## WHEN

There's only now, the past has vanished past recall, to-morrow's unreliable
as dreams, there's only now once more and now again and death what then

## CHINESE GEOGRAPHY

There's a turtle that straddles the north while a scarlet bird darts through the south. When a dragon all blue roams the east the white tiger's crossing the west.

Lost on some lonely plan mindut hope.
Eternal night. Elsewhere thered earlier been colours of horizontal mys)ery
to hide or show this way that way although not really present, left there not for glow. Stretches of nowhere lacking stars froze time for him for ever as he stood on grey, one greyness, and no subtlety, self-death thought of, not long to wait to cause the end.

## ICELAND

a richer word ðan pankyou
ðe prill ðat probs prough poughtfully from pingvellir in state
ðen standing on a glacier
east of a waterfall

## CONSTABLE

Sketch left on paper.
You almost see clouds ready
to move, leaves stirring.


## AGE

My Japanese dissolves alas
Like many other things -
Books, alkahest, nouns, veritas, Truths, medixval kings.

Facts too: old remedies, short ways
To go back whence I came,
Jokes, long division, titles, plays,
Friends lost, that god-child's name.

