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BRUSHWOOD
BY INFLECTION

2010

The less of life remains, the more seductive it is for
consciousness to take the bare harsh remnants of the living
for the appearance of the Absolute.

Theodor Adorno

Les branches sont libres de n'avoir pas de fruits.

René Char

For if they do this when the wood is green, what will
happen when it is dry?

Luke 23.31

A minor break dis-alienating for the purpose of a meta-
embrace

Mark Dickinson

Note

The “inflection point” on a branch is where the direction of curve outwards changes to the direction of curve upwards, and is usually a play-off between elastic bending and thickening growth. A branch bends continuously even while it thickens and as such the shape of a branch can be seen as a function of time. But any break-off from that branch provokes a compunction of space across a strewnness which wrangles with its proneness before horizon.

So “inflection” in these texts has a more speculative association, not so much with permanent deformation, as with the trails of brushwood matting which surround trees or edge out beyond their line. After the break from main branch comes a further twist towards these given-aways’ own sensory of gift amid a heaping-up of separation. Now tree becomes the agent for which branch appears the source and brush is the locus.

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Given brushwood isn't code for a wrenched thing lying across
origin but the inflection of it is forescatter where the young
of the year are broken in advance of the trees' own persistence
—a cob of green cud spat out by the trees's specialism to vacate
shoulder but recast the forks of surface extending bent matter
to the neck of horizon

where roots creep to their edge quota, brush has swept past bed
to lie out on jammed marginal rota

any scattering of timber ends in this break perfectly ramified:
nothing pans out unless along what little of itself could sift
within the collapse-complexion

with breach off-tree
even more world-weight
crutched on sur-
face to margin

For brushwood doubt is not the crackle of itself but what flicker
there is in such brittle abandonment's spite of intricate granting
—a girdling gives meta-closure, or more openly inflects what
brash has bristled from mesh the fibre of distribution no
longer a hollow of the intervals themselves

push from forest
to brushwood,
horizontal graze
bunchwards

Where brushwood trips at faltered roots to re-abrupt them, fold
in juxtaposition what is the brittle turn to origin ahead of fuelled
despairs mimicking fluent repairs

laid over beds of reliance, reaching for the hatchings' more
shareable (castable) compliance inflected gamut of a terseness

earlier than alien, rough intractives on a planet surge to
brushwood

where adjacent segments of tree meet their inflection points, their
bitter parts waving out the scatter at an horizontal confluence

infinite seriality
lopped rigid
in devotion to a
singled inflect-
ion of gift
traceway through
brushwood beat
of the tread

These deferred tree-limbs inspect the path, smaller resuscitants
in degree of drop with the bind of inflection stay ceased
throughout the straying: a spray of unbudded but deep-seated
co-emption bare with deserved array towards the horizon's plain

in binding the evolute of a curve to the given, crossed by the
perched sticks of separation respects slightness in any replete
defeated choice, the bend itself reseated

what can be screened from floor to be granted at the snick of a
broken finger which a detached hand gets to fan out reattaches
at full extent only as this joint circumvents its precise severance
part

glisters in inflected
quiet of woods
after the break
with crash

the outmapped
lay nestling
in the inflicted

Any exhausted root thin to be codified (re-shed): inflectional
stratum wrinkles retrenchment slung post-extant pales of
brush no longer billeted on earth shornface but go counter-
depleting where cannot be *inversely* lopped, *ie* regress to parent
stem would be capped at longest offspring weald across the grain
of origin

brushwood lacks its own climate envelope, apart from inflection
never strains for a saturation by horizon in bunch depletion
remains the very sparsity schedule of outreach

benched within the disparate affix-risk of gift, connections not
ill-torn but embossed on fallen place to last out (as first fallers)
the vertical tides they are tossed from

sword of brush under
broad curve, cure of
branch offset by
cut to branch

The vine round the knotted root sketches a brushwood of
outcome, at the dishevelment of origin, pushed over penetrable
core at the strike off sapling springy brush laid out to the wire,
juttred breast of the depredation such slights are parallel in
heap laid out of, weathers of the not were corrosive enough for
no veering *more* than origin

a forest of poor relations but in brushwood stamp of crabby
retention: buffer the encroach of a nakedness unable to crouch
enough as trunk is to branch so brush is to the contra-fill off
aperture, as goes with it stored wary to horizon

tempestible, splinter-
towering, most impassable
but *at* a shoulder
of smeared clearing
as wedge cast from root
cages margins of the un-
vacancy to within de-
grees of lashwood

Avenues of the dislocation projectively harbour their cross-
over, its strewnness a sharper stare than neutral severance alone,
scarcer at spread than living the staple to root horizon winded
on this faggot hillock aspires no second wound

each angle out of hold now pervious accelerative lattice, the
estrangement hollow with after-tangle of inflective array fed
to a bundle minus compression, detaches from root but awarded
the creep-margin that relies on dis-upright the chips anti-
rotate off rendered trees or stand in for a cheaper scurf of the
ramification

dissipative reduct-
ion let substrate-
refill be for
brushwood export

Thickly laid over with a new scarcity's post-quickness as at any
finding mean of overgrowth this bides the eventual scene of
hold traps exuding brushwood until let go again as the tree of
it, dries out a ceiling to the tips a debris of requital protrudes
from frame and puts the rap on horizon

rest the decrease poaching brushwood for tracking what re-
accustom it rakes to the least fringe at horizon's edge raggedly
severed into lurch of pretext, forward repose leans long into
new taperings of dependence: a good-enough soil made scanty
ventricle where a mesh-haul of intersecting sticks sucks the pump

limbed for its
barebounds, the tree's
closely unsprained
fine losings,
indurable sphere
stepped to lending

A brushwood thicket lashed to the open, not taken aback once
out of hiding but braced separably for inflection cut universally

falls to local devices, the scatter is neat horizon parabolic severed
from tube just what intact ramification can't disuse for cleaving
post-jointed by the primary detour of mercy

left packed at site unelbowing until it comes to relay severed
joints on junctionless surfaces incommensurate sweep-over
tailed by horizon, reproved for terrain but not removed from
recoil, the detraction undespoiled in just such a carve across
swerve

cover the cleared area while shipping brush off deserted trees,
anchorless in vessel to connect the sag in capsized root

scrunted but slouchless
no scrub brushwood but
rubs out from high tree

backwardly out to
hollow wrist, each eye-
let unmists the gap
between branch-querk

Ungraded divergence one sole series thing far off at nearest
severance to horizon taskable surface ventilates an architectonic
of trees in belt as if they couldn't be paltry enough to thread their
belongings on the lateral

as the obstruct is (a gift at hand) to the claw of torn from root

dark wood's shortcut to a comparison of ground now such
obstacles inflecting less sorely over the same split unseamed, it
hushes beyond the crash of it but doesn't silence the litter

the part played by trees in separatives of integral way: slighting
the scattered chink means stitches mis-sweeping repart the open
as at any treeless place, exactitude in ex-branch no longer severely
spindling the ground

the crack into one
another's inflected
postfix of arrival

primed clear of its
rammed facets, what
the ramific spares

Time in joints dejects weak numbers until frailed in brushwood,
the whole is claimant about dismembering, a disjunction thrown
on the lay-it-from with time for assarts of a world seen from
across real extra-inherence on this rootless spur of flightlessness

extent of displacement serves as nearness index for the commoning
brushed into, dry reeds of horizon: this feature detaches extent
but not an outbed bent forwards of the exposure: brushwood is
source splay even before its own torso-replay

among the abraded
verticals, what gives
horizon its saltings
arid stir of root
the untying tries for a
woundless vent in horizon

Inflect this second element in surprise horizon: the filigree
catastrophe lies wadged before a non-collider beckoning
the sprigs of origin blaze off that fork minus handle at its
unscorched scar across, bare particulars of forward radiant
desertion whose highlights cluster in dissimmersion

unspasmic élan, the leap there is in ramification bridging itself for
severed a shiver darting at horizon's congestion concessionally
arrived brusque new mapping in circuit sashes, the lattice
of main-tree bereaves field across the lace of nearest dependent
shedding

brushwood a new door
to old branches
beaten at the threshold

resurges horizon
at once abjection
off tree filament

Grazing barrenness over ruck yet to be closely scarred this way,
dropping fineals pluck a disconnection ample enough to be as
pliant before the scratch of origin

our vanguard thrusting itself no further fear than open spires of
landing outside the height

strike longwards toss,
bend tip abroad of
the lacks of approach

Precept learnt at a yard of waste brushed by unexpended tips
against hard horizon the crushing had already taken place at
the gift from root: drift never supinely subsequent once taken *for*
inflection: the sense in which brushwood cast is more internal to
trees than own lame root

no mean inlay, how same-side tree radial went out to recombine
without distributing its access more hollowly than: awaiting a
bind at outspread itself

this divestment is openness throughout quanta of the given-to
by adhesion in site of dropdown comes to ramified flesh what
can no longer be found amid vein of tree, new porches elapse to
grazing the zone before horizon

cathected from tree
do it well to inflect
harrassed flailings
of gift

lost from the bays of
tree but won for
exploded graft
before origin

2

No longer such latency but pure encroaching congregation—
brushwood escapade at risk of a tree's owing longest the touch of
itself, in quest of what it has cast beyond grown attenuation—
the trees' retractile debris unsown forward, at rest on bestowing
the givens' encumber to ground

surrenderable component, leakage of tree onto a dry gutter of
inflection, clatter of origin on the heath crabbed with fingering
the reliances of debris

slippage snap its wattles at a vane of inflection around bouts of
outer keeping condenses a rattled slightness upon ground, in
this despite tentacular for horizon

transmast accosts
severance that roots
counter-cross
reverence

Tree fragments decapped to their ulterior tips, tipping onto
hindrance allays heedless ground this non-delay won't back-
joint against any offer of adoption among the strewns

grist take peripheries as apprised, scarce figure of branch-window
across what excess the tree embrasure will put to gap, separates
become its narrowing zone only in the ratio of a fore-plenty
hipped over

broken open a long way next to, according novel packets of fret,
a lately congruous outside imbricates acrid rim scatter towards
foyer of horizon beyond what shells of limbs remain shelved in
tall forest

distended pivots
wildly reportive of
loosened gantry

spread gentle crane
on horizon

Dis-attempted flakes forwards, the achieved welter is counter-recessive though pawned on horizon a rekeying from a layer of crisp contamination laying out lowest resource on, horizon trimmed by the oblique wrong of it statics of rim, narrates frame of ground to touch from its own veridical off-trim by tree

a spray of inflection sheafing what is bent to edge lank and wide before the shelter it predicts sheer flutter in the feral knees gone slender: naked periphery an earth now rakeable to ramified crustal zest

limbs in respoke across
fens of shards wherewithal
they plait debased

a spirelet sips
poor sapling
reversions of hold,
a fascine-bundle
shall well the batches
dilating from turn

Broken not shunted and so bequeathed to inflection a bristle expelled from shaft towards unsnaring pending what is no longer suspended but grounded hangs terrain over horizons of the slump, gashed heaviest in free external spoke a brush of tidal inflection is interwoven flimsily beside the weirs of horizon: high tracts outbreathing their bare signs of alignment

though the cut was unique, brushwork will never singularise in branch because of it: the entire array staffs aspread at fall

damage had its own stolen impulse, renovation given in less-than towards what inflects against a wound's identical indication:

the random circulation of traumatic closures can't have been
squandered on the same elation

micro-amended
sentience at a
porch's tree-low
prolapse entry

From brow over root under the scabless chin of horizon where
brushwood shunts sacking to the imperative rim soothed on
the flush, desertion thickens to enflangement, whose insertibles
do get branded abroad by a brushwood in steep exilic remission

brush where its starter tree is no taller than rising bracken how
a broken cleaves to place without a vertical wafer of repleteness—
small leak of timbers but hems them quilting the thrash

brushwood given matrix within which any other times than
sutured on horizon amid its recursion will have been snapped

the trees push out
horizon unchipped
but gathered apart

branched aftermath
of today's
broken stalk

Staled fernwork not much congealing but hauled under horizon
by its unsalience a quandary sown towards, creamed from,
chiasmic lattice intricate at its ground delivery

distends through each lozenge of slightrness where any in-reach-
of is allowed to break the round, from now on proffering its own
encrusted fillets of ancillary bed

you must break it rusing these spines snap at horizon: lateral
curtains before a bald in world take a mark out of root and litter
it with heels of trees which scuttle only when plucked from the
tips horizon unbarely renatured at the rips

trunkless prayer
from silted sheds
roofless canopy
in drop-all to
accosted litter

A mesh not to be spared but once again fielding its obstacles,
no swerve can deny it horizon now so swept off root, inflects a
new groundlessness over everything given: fuller rind granted
recognition between anything riven

this outstrap of tree not simply being undone by withdrawn root
but active downcrop as the most forwarded wrack of the turn,
inflective tremble bend of tall branch still not in dearth but
lavishes direct descent

so chambers brush at the swoop of origin, severance itself was
inflected oasis, basal affliction

obscene renotation of
dripped overgrowth, this-day
scenery in blain of
shackle, keyed scales
for showing out
entire branch-warp

Brushed to hard flats but in full stimulus array strewn tight
across non-avertibles of horizon (that won't be overhung) or
basal stance according to crushed spine with petition to the
ratio of its litter before which naked horizontals can't scatter
otherwise than release of shelter

cross the compass which inflects it broken-towards more
scoured than thrown will be dropped on the rack at lie-out: they

prolong any switch to exposure mainly pinched with bind, its
unclearable-variable

as brushwood does from fountainous fissure to paid-out scroll,
entrussment renders horizon uncrossable, no test if it was all
mere surpassing of origin at the derivative break

no other evidence
reckoned towards than
broken residence
room by room
pleatly branch-willing

Brushwood avowed non-totals, avid to fork an elational other
rationed to this steadiness in break-off the lining of horizon
whose own eject-tree was too far pre-aligned for any other reject
not to be co-fisted, sweepings enlisted

a different flexure step by step but each could be the moment of
resorting to brushwood, its micro-flagellation of outtake having
touched the ground, brushwood has no farther leaning point,
with ground's barrenness no longer *hunched* against horizon

discardant as ineffaceable, transit via surfaces occurring to
loss but not its settlement funnel, simply as much grouting as
cordlessly sticks to horizon

woods denature beyond their planting so can refigure wildly
among slumped isles of triage, peripheral sift of the offering bit-
parts

swags of reclitter-
ing looseness, a shelter
core balances broad
its separals
sinter slowly not
what the broken enters
but how the bulk
of snap filters

That sharpens faith to widely repeated least cut, shares filling
it out on lattice embrace horizonward where nothing greatly
rooted would: mediate circumferal outfall of storm now plaiting
a lull negotiation of damage not demolition of woodland but
its protraction along the micro-tallnesses of horizontals astretch

partial stripping down once severe underbranch is out of reach
of tree, across horizontals that awake horizon: lateral rummage
with vertical re-incidence at the debris of core

such pains of marginal elaboration frisk ownness' tree by
desecaling in dissident shelter the coverts of horizon

spore features
peppering enough
to outroad horizon
from its afore

Whose brushwood fails in district, these scales are shed towards
more intimate netting as might be para-intricate once externs of
the thrown break by a losable array formationally complete

unsealing of embodiment goes along a tactile peeling of
ramification among its salutatory burdens fluted to channels
of inflection called across by entire excess detail in the littered
receptivity

inconstancy of relief finds anchor in own brushwood bodied out
of the vertical as if the vertical were itself mined by brushwood
but without retracting its unconditional outspill born of root

a branch by cast
for hanghold,
flatpoise convicts
horizon its niches

Thin enough shed above root, elongated much in thorny
undispossessibles what re-embranches a whole disposal of

transitional patter: bright wires stranded in grain until it inflect
outlift along its zero-crippled lane

paring down an enmeshed all of it before, lean out of border for
discardants to stanch the stunned sharing

without some degree of brittleness on the outfetich (these partials
still don't deramify) there can be no switch-strength to conditions
of inflection light fanwork is dry thrift at the swelling to
horizon by these intranitions alone

fallen across verticals
in sheer ratchet
of horizon's
lattice by leaps

Low brush more open-mattered than any commons of breaking
away: tree stems flop to slash until brushwood revives the injury
assigned its innovations to collate soothing abandoned re-
entrant scraggy with unhunted brush

rifts of foliage relodged on sitting lattice, no other blanking of
violent shelter seaming for inflecting at open cleft of separation
by which brushwood is sharper naped than cut: how it fans out
collisionals as brittle pegs for fear ground is too crimped a scrape

exactly perished not flaking from cast-offs, are a lesser interruption
of their breaking start, branch plunder wasn't raiding out of any
sense of collapsable array

a margin's drift from
neglect has its own
concision of the
unbeset

As in some long sortie of security, encroaches least where it most
atones for contiguity itself in wave of tidal stakes, disattached

but sufficiently anaplastic, in kind with the ingrained contra-
swerve of inflection

uncallous brush mere invisible severance taking effect *on* location,
laid out for cancelled in the gaps of density, impenetrable but for
the inflection

displaying angle astray so requitedly at its bend in given rift
became inseparable from what little fell of its no way past origin

root-sprags unbundling at their shaken of big tree, their
filaments retread at toss, inflect where no whole tree of it could
have genuflected towards

wrong junctives
freshly interleaved
at inflection

bent unhandlings
the twist *in* source

lateral inventory
also removed, scatters
to vertical scars
of its reception

to be past en-
meshing is trav-
ersity led, what
pardons the count-
er-abandonment