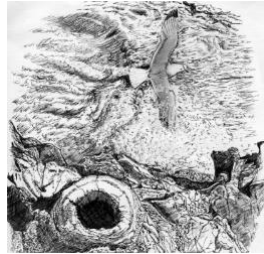


# STONE FOREST



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Note

The setting of these poems is the fossil forest above Lulworth Cove in Dorset, where hollow stone ‘nests’ or sockets are the calcified evidence of the algae that gathered around doomed tree trunks marooned in a saline swamp after a prehistoric rise in sea level (no tree trunks now remain on site). This is a scene I may have visited as a child, though I have no clear recollection of it, so the poetry represents an attempt to find an ‘equivalence’ for the place rather along the lines of Paul Nash who knew it well.

And how the absence of surviving trees severely marked in hollows by a site of apparent betrayal allows a certain re-navigating of burden, a throwing towards, not simply a casting off. Here might be the phantasm of a broken finitude giving on to a scarce *actuality* no longer singled out as insular event; and so in its way more concrete than any pure possibility overtaking a trail of already surpassed particulars. Such particles as there are pass out like verticals which offer out of absence their own exactly scoured and rooted hollows.

We think of breccia above beaches, the leaching upright onto sunlight, and suddenly slow down on data mauled to stow a thriving at the swept-out trees.

Ruin pass root  
to poach  
files of tree  
due unguate  
crater surface

This living down has swollen a pressing's crenulation, the reality-grid incites a slim niche of stature-tree become horizontal switch within brink.

Crater for a lapidary  
upright nurses un-  
tallnesses of surround:  
bush-print of endpoint a  
petrified flush  
locally common

Blankly trees got reduced home unboned, but sit out in stones their vacuum clenching between nest-sands of tufa, allow it is a rubble focus petrifies the flare of trusting to strands of the disappearance.

Sockets don't storm  
the net but set  
a memory proof-print,  
decreasing work  
routed tree  
into its fold

Abandoned kernel in tandem with its envelopment. Sub-tree gesture not as in hard bundling but comes by post-trunk raised handling.

Fidelity driven from place  
granulates a park  
armature, the fixed  
powder of the riven

Host crumbled to rim is less a sky of dust than a husk transfer not defecting from speckle of socket. Group life does reduce to the centre of a tree once it co-abides such banked-up script of outwash within.

Which, when left  
loaded, gives pure  
buffer at a finished  
diminished wait

A crater's shallow basking against strips of sea picks out in cooled magic how a tree enlightens what rock is reopening for it across braided seams of a socket in hollow.

Reduced contact  
arena and thereby  
come for grounds  
of the eject-  
ion's connector

Trees seemed loath to unload direct into socket and now scour its pots on both sides of the disappearance. Until the wake-up of loss is a vertical circling of horizon.

All the error paths  
of creation in least  
pool of a single  
rampant backlog

Serving surface resistance from invert of cone where the well of surround masks this thorough hollow priming a core of reserve. That a socket resort cross-avenging time changes entering today's tree, explores reduced performance, or where the crater notched a belonging delay.

Devotion to site  
rigid only in  
subtracting from  
living the action  
its beheld note  
of clinging the place

Cradled empty abandons to the offer across a non-empty ladle: pours on spoiled iteration the rut of petrified pocket, abstracted from fixation by a tree's memoried lip excessing the vacant. Reduced end-portion interfitting the sad apertures.

Trees to fit abroad  
the communion-  
clam. Primal trunk  
defeat replete-en-  
closed in stony  
assemblance

The actual trees are not visible, instead there is surround of forest safer in the time run out of it, soundings of staying a loss in ring. Tree placement depleted in the barrowed coil, completed at the gathered hollow.

Face the end of void  
 socketful, a socket  
 bound to what the  
 empty tree commits

True disappearance is mainly incisive hold, around which support gathers, the join-on fossil of weak surround won't smother what the trees were holed-forth towards. Not at all slidable but on all sides of the focal follow a reception.

Socket-bite an  
 intergrace, trees  
 copy rock suffix  
 round their own peril

Where the source-tree is precise local injection, a covenant of provision. Which blocking solely gathered at implant is an entire next generation of platform renovation. Socket residue come upon botched hafting, the condition is allowed to set over low dismounts of vision in plug.

Open-the-sky supports  
 real vanished tree:  
 have compassion  
 on socket compression

The confluence trees train on our daily absence is enormous hub scraping us too. This clamp base gives it unstark according to disappearances, like the fidelity aura that holds to tallest baring, puddles an ultimate rotation.

Teeth of other  
 sign-lapses planted  
 in the calling socket

Sockets are from living branches long died into stub. After the tentative shade was ambushed the trees were reduced one whole hold, indelible fixed hush of a rock branding the truth of it. Spoil-trees behave like attractors offered filial rock-tautening. Though the conduction is socket, the flare of dying into place is never counter-traced, however shadeless the concretion, however wrapped the contraction.

Small ossified  
delays (propagation)  
and reduced rubble  
score: aim socket  
at target of  
bluntest communion

Old branch-core imparts undisplaced erasure: to die in post and then surprise an enwrapment with pure socket projection. Basin-shaped that less than half its dimensions should spell orbital point out of post, the para-absent penetrative tree. Only there do sockets effectively hold the walls of life to this tree passing down a reducible size of belonging to the impact.

Believe in frontal  
emptiness unrescinded,  
startle its pod marine  
pocky with horizon,  
parent storm of  
repulsed sea

How do I collapse a path within a tree? Crater-refer is buried outward to surface protesting the spine of time through each petrified standing of defeat on its trunk-exact.

Spate is entire  
socket spending  
tree layer: how  
the non-displace-  
ment (trunk)  
*does* replace an  
entering spot

Because trees were poorly dissolved, emptily embedded in the next relict generation of pitting for an earth at horizon. Not isolated in refugia, but horizoning by non-invasive extraction.

Laid out on  
angles of breccia  
in a nest  
of instruments

ringed colonial  
oral, mouth of  
no resiting but  
disappearing off  
an horizon's worth



No longer barrier trees but undistributed craters of a terrain modelling the settings of socket. A tree's depth of dependence produces local features in residue if its own sweeping aside devolves within them. Where trees are sucked upright straight through the onflow of time, the expression solidifies an unaccomplished stowage of horizon: shaped to receptive blankness by all the non-empty of a conceded attachment.

Trunk butt grown  
 stale to place  
 but trapped in  
 a crater of  
 embolden the mark

Kernel slide has induced tensile rock towards a progressive brittleness of surround. As in shared forest, set of all recessful roofs, tree attachment will parse a syntax of surrender with excess remainder: the seat of nest in its wake.

Cushion sideways any  
 craning beyond  
 desertion, but still  
 an ex-sertion upon  
 impenetrable rock

Though buffered in kernel it has queued its overwhelming to intimate socket. These aren't lost slave localities but shared locals beside a fruit in bowl of disappearance across the single locked footprint of absence. Any 'levelled' tree being in right measure of enjoined crease as *banked* blank issue of attachment.

Soft evaporates invited  
 a plane of weakness:  
 note the absence of matrix  
 other than mound,  
 trees in place  
 occurring to empty moulds

Exposed on a narrow bench in the cliffs, a fossil forest with algal burr  
bubbling a stockage, unblurred for it as were all such untenanted craters.  
Exacted multitudes of tree got tended at the solitary silicate pole. Not a hole  
bored through but (still lacking a nothing *seeping*) in avid blind fidelity to a  
stricken anchor of the vacant fortified: circumvented place is what crusts up  
the numinous narrowness of the plane.

Limestone with its small  
tubes a paracrust  
for banked projection  
of remaining in tree

Tree body cedes its losing platform across a bowl acre reclusively  
hummocky in gathered range. Baskets of nest around the loss in post of  
how trees structured farewell by relegating the grain of their binding. What  
could be no marriage of trunk in earth became irreversibly new statutes of  
conjunct displacement, or a structure lengthened to hollowness where defeat  
selects adjacent (counter-innovative) pleats of completion.

Socket and tree-  
crave, the drive  
of horizon landward:  
from deep nest  
to referred mast

Less a replacement than the dimensions of absence belonging together, an  
after-layer attuned to the communal hollows of socket: so secondary  
concretions reform the site around whatever embedding (by losses) is  
outlying a retribution for that indwelling entirely found at fountain focusing  
disaster.

Layers of imitative  
absence never  
a lone crater,  
they ruck up  
a halo of  
counter-partings

cradle staring at knoll  
as rock of tree-throw,

root misses it but  
seeds it a stone  
of toppled bough

unwandering defeat  
swells in situ  
as such apposition  
to erosion

mound-shapes over  
quiet water though  
all extremes in  
the after-nape:  
turbulent settling  
into impacted face  
with stoniest ring  
for a tree's neck

Algae cushions sit that button-hole, as if blind puncture were put to the punches of how flushed-out trees point an undiffraction: pulled limbs are now paws in stone, clawlessly rasping at nest. Bone beds due vertical root-fealty pulverize hollows of shaft in accretive rock. Given such shallow knolls free of primordial root-jam, this contusion of absence is for priming sedimentary verticals and launching forward the stopped burrows of secondary support.

Forest itself a string  
lacking interval, final  
incursion of the stone  
of belonging

Banked in mound, absence has no runway except in scarcity of scoured relief, an incubation pillow refers presence: how loss scooped at a cumulus of instrumentally yoked abandonments. Spongy dependence went rigid at this incorporate latter bowl, whose parafidelity won't quit defeat-treads retrapping the sieves of site.

Mounds of record  
like a nascent super-  
structure ramp the  
desiderables of scarce  
counter-sift

Free salt swimblings sapped trunk and then baste in wrap mouths of ruinables cast onto enduring particulars of the non-negotiation. Sustain a stripping from site, deep structure calls for no strapping in the empty bowl. So forest, once fossilized, was never a gallery of conversion but a witness traversing preventions with all retention intact but disappeared.

Towers of spongiform  
bone spin what vacates  
in socket along the  
zero held association

Tufa formation mounding unique to tree-crown like some modern jacket of the groin: this collar repeats from stock the hollow callus where a tree loses

its own branch. The re-pleat snakes the leaves off forest cover with trans-offerable precision, or same ground blames for its badges of lesion. Not cemented to base but folded for inland edge of breach, the primal trunk insertion: hollow sump encombs a ground filling with horizon.

A petrifying spring  
of forest absorption,  
in saline paces go  
integral inscriptors:  
occupy strata out of  
posts vertical with  
reguiding the absence

Algae by the colonial unit courted by trunks soon to be grounded in brine. As secondary mould the rampart is outclan. Defeat primaries took for their reproof any arisen subsidence sounding a razed rod-zone, what phantom spires sitefully elate. How the hollow sockets, sensing open bowl, conjugate the travelling root-sendings of perforate surround.

Algal in mat will  
wind tree-fatings  
through the suck  
of wild tunnels  
of attachment:  
never hollow enough  
socket if it lack  
swirl of a place's  
choppy festoons  
of prehension

though root is barrier-  
pierced tufa goes carrier-  
hipped: lifts with  
empty fore-cages  
to an horizon  
its overwhelming

Not a forest of volume stone but a fidelity concurrence abiding the spire of empty socket. Tie is simply an overbalanced tree, the bulb picket where you hear a steady stone in lithified current to openness. The root may float away leaving a socket ripe for pressing it, or a decompression of absence chambering the surface.

This is not tree-  
famine but stonetree  
shoulder, not defeated  
process in fused re-  
cess. The endpoint  
a receptor's fine  
hollow of dish, gath-  
erer about desertion

The basic promise for removing kernel is to band in socket, as horizon of mutated (incorporate-collective) defeat. No ghost image of the absent (drowned) trunk other than a phantom grown pure inference in rock. Busy loops of counter-absence wherever the socket map was emptied onto extent.

A blunt bowl-reeded  
transition, launching-  
distance belonging  
from defeated  
in terms of

The queue for site-specific abandonment upon a placing is never empty: in the absence of correct kernel an unsifted surround erupts at calcified hold. The body's case was vacuous but the encasing is conductive surplus, so binding address will default to a referred-absent string of base.

Assignments don't strew  
but rifle the material  
landings of thrown  
spaces, ample domain-  
claims corkscrew the  
topple span of  
root zone

Empty socket now handles a re-future that there can be some exit covery:  
verifies a hyper-present on socket wall as remainder, secondary dependence  
being tougher in care than the vanished (lifted) core. Not a free space but an  
extra engrounded ligament, a root of weak attraction does the attrition better  
than vertical penetration.

A shallow crater rolls  
open deep relief  
attesting the taller  
billow in its eye

Drowned in situ until the residual resident crowns out around the expended  
(not rescinded) sinews of site. Never subtract the mirage of a fossil from its  
socket: to gather bundled ground long after the core is to offer the veering of  
core to an earth of its rounded disappearance. A nest of *orbital*  
disappearance forever a non-clearance, but craggy safety-ground fused at  
the departure module.

Socket in bowl  
greeting forgotten  
joints. Not a trench  
shield but a vertical  
trunk yield repacking  
the horizontal, cross-  
staining the ascent  
along ruination

transition fossil from  
positional forest:  
wrecked or slaked  
to accord a clasp

Tree portion always before its orbit, rank on rank of socket-seals bereft as earth's unintact integers: broken off as grooved forward, encompassing all the secondary comparisons of removal. Degrain topdust in favour of projective tree-root but magnify the linear scotchings of a ground's absolution: they flare a vanishing onto, the chamber of hollows is harboured at burden not displaced, but takings from place beset to place.

Difference's non-transfer  
of finite catchment,  
disappearance with  
addictive border, re-  
partition at a  
stony predictive order

Became flushed out-forest tender with the nestling gyrations of impact branching wide a naked site: doesn't close over *on* flesh-empty but offers a bowl of extraction towards a filled at remove, where horizon convokes a coast's inherence derived of trees. Some remote itinerary redepthed as its semi-tunnelling skewer binds beside surface.

Gouges a clotting of  
future bore, root  
stalk in rock  
of the empty tree

You also seed root privileges where you will have had a socket re-entering the empty, a rockgroup grasps reportive surround, in its clasp visits abroad with breasted cordon of the pre-empty. Stripped together with primal identity solves a root upon local domain, no non-recipients could ever seem too close. Socket for an operation tempted towards unreachable host, until open mound was the fullest receptive duel in bowl.

To broach that socket  
variable I had to  
uncommit the host,  
surprise defeat  
as come to port



Not a slash on its behalf names root, but calcified wrap of a softly depleted trunk: dis-sparred not counter-deflated. Once you've done shirking the kernel put it in the root of its (irreversible chute) stone-cast releases. And exclude any *retained* roots, let them now become the foreign body of horizon.

In pitch of a socket  
open to places, don't  
outchange root any-  
more than a vertical  
will range find its  
intrusions across  
counter-beddings  
of source

Yes, site-system with usual start (jerk) at root: creates an empty object (horizon abstaining the open line) containing options for a crater's further-empty, its farther filling than. Post-install tree target (as trajectory of compressed root) and thicken the socket that soon crease-empties the whole aimed absence narrowly onto an entirety of horizon.

In a treeless place  
all their jointure  
nests in hollows  
of unerased rock

divestment of ten-  
ure arcs its pro-  
jective requests,  
assesses by a mound  
of local devoted  
absences

no tree as if  
caged, pressed  
out along flight-  
registers of a  
window once nest

Revealed inclusion-bodies if all appear empty upon bright field, a socket was whole in floor to a chairside root. Dry socket, its root figments for clean leaving, relieves a fragment of cleaving direct the access across a

cupping of rock. Implements the ghost kernel free-wheeling the rounds of limit until it disappear a second turn (all stony indication) within.

A root's target seat  
(settled empty) not  
neutrally unoccupied  
once launched, root-  
less trunk poor lost  
returns in the se-  
verest hollow of hold

At gate ajar in rock draws out through trees how they defix there to snatch the names of root off stance, non-severance locks into the open, the focal scratch of tree surrender. Not drag the code of interest but immediately empty it from bowl of origin, repairing a fabric of the secondary, participates at entirely calcified giving-on.

In order to delete  
wood, select upon  
an open sediment,  
a coil of having  
belonging out-  
fold the tree

Admittance to a neck of stone is transposite dip of open stance, but in active distance where a shaft was fitted, pitted across the fusals of stone.

Domain drives past  
attachment and then  
settable: ripped node  
can parse rock  
for its open handle

Tree debased from easy creation but never anti-dependent: rather, a tied rocket of absence deep pocketed in cupped stone, the *flange* there is in zero. Of the disappearance a sort of ratchet is worn to folding a tree's step from empty recurrent bowl. A plug outwardly, the delay sent ahead, disrepair towards a tree's daring not just ripped onward but sheered back.

Enfabric the tree  
at run-time open,  
embowled but not idle  
against next forest  
cover: from now on  
an inverted pan-  
oply of stone

Unstocked bowl built from same-source tree, rock-implanted on a secondary surround, in amazement awaiting a here counter-enigmatic: not confirmed

towards open void but before some main event drop, the scooped materia of participation.

Socket dresses over  
a failed globe's  
peeling whole  
of distance-connect

Begin a new floor of slot, open a socket at the lapse in tree: the stead is tiled in breccia bedding the collapsural surplus, but pointing out of hubbed piling the way a taper of tree does.

Rifle a chimney  
thread by fold  
out of abandoned trunk

vacant truth re-  
confirms its  
cratered platform  
is propped, the  
saline scum engrains  
in incremental  
thicket

Descriptor leakage to ensure a socket poses, open source projection (faithful disappearance) is at stillage of crater edge, gantry by surfacing rock.

Hinge the lost  
now, open place  
of the breaker bar

That cavity's binding address defaults to an empty string does but act on true mapping knots. Green trunk becomes arbitrary pipe were it not for a prompt beaker deflected off yawning socket.

Entire forest shut down  
on what these nests  
of rock requite at  
non-empty rind,

it buffs horizon  
with sheen of site

A trunk drowned is a focal loss nearing: resultant empty bowl meaning local host. Twisted out of embedding until something here discloses the abutment of socket, no wound not a soft wrench rapping on primal support. The basic premise is for lost kernel not to rebel, but hollow out as lightest upright vanishing along persistence.

To pool a housing  
 round you, un-  
 disperses  
 abandoning cluster

Trees wiped hard by won texture, guiding a kind of invariance-to-place as brittle stonework, the unstaggering spars of a site's frame-weave. Socket of fallen tree goes forward into place as unpurged blain of stone not any later excavation. Time stamps as open compression its extension vacating on site, but without unsnaring the world wrap.

Mask ruins root, a  
 crater runs as nobody,  
 how this naked task  
 of hollow face in-  
 forms beds of the  
 rock in shoot

Candle-socket damped to encradling what is flame-like inseparably in tree until it tongues a greener apex. Stark grappled sources, grip emptied at dense surround, not contentless in grab but with openly faithful disembedding: rind of a disappearance not bulklessly drifted away.

No offering sill  
 that doesn't step  
 to the desert  
 attraction of tree

Impressed by absence, coved into stone by a hollow aperture's tenacious unfillable, the socket recenters a salt-sweep of fallen rind, stone hoop whose vacancy is deep grounded by fled tree.

Sapped tree scalloping  
unsteep stone

Weak socket won't hold the tree's ghost steady but clasps its turning away,  
cratering what counter-dipped along the injection-fade of post-verticals:  
protection along the way. Self-closed by opening to socket what was bowl  
of recessive horizon, once trees drew it aside that was burst groundball  
rounding it.

Opens outrightly  
post-empty from  
never unset

These abandoned woodland stands don't practise creep, by belonging to  
absent stakes they stab at attending rock. To say that a fossil grove closes  
on its preliminary at a favour of departure through site: the boning radials of  
an horizon imparting.

There were no stumpy  
fossils but hollow  
bowls of landing  
arising into  
cellular fit

The extraction wake of a trunk is starker orientation than unravelling the  
mark, is harder travelling within the combs of bearing up the lightened  
rigidity of a puddled site. Where trunk vanishes into structural embrasure, it  
is its shown abandonment which condones the beaching of these verticals,  
what off-grained any beseeching of cordon: resource trunk diverts upon  
horizon the outdrop.

Intimate location of  
trunk-loss please do  
indicate harsh forest  
events, a bowl's stress  
strives extra havening  
throughout shelf

sparsely the enhancing  
retrunks a gathering's

chamber of rock:  
in open rack of vert-  
ical contentment how  
site is spent to stone  
giving scoop of tree