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## BURNS' NIGHT HEARD

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for Alastair & Nancy

I wad belayed  
but thou may feed  
I be liquor  
about gasoline  
but creditable  
summat  
a smart  
request tyrant  
fogghee  
blessing o'  
the name  
I blissed

six flights are far  
beyond her power  
til I fust I caper  
*catch the thief* Maggie runs

dearie wonder  
lack I surely  
full many a mickle beast  
though sorely  
but she was best



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simmers a pleasant time  
flowers of every color  
sleeping I becamed  
for thinging on my dearie  
but she was fast

the grapes  
we club-enacted  
didn' I tongue a stomach

the grey hairs yet stack to the heft  
wi' blud encrusted

even sinners shall be damned





Robert Grenier wrote of this piece as "... a sort of visitation by 'Burns' /the spirit of the work so heard through poems read aloud in the Scots on the night of his birth etc. —started me off happily reading R.B. beyond anthologies for the first time. Much more to be said there, but as you like it, space this out." Mr. Grenier lives in Berkeley, California with his daughter, Amy, and teaches at The New College of California in San Francisco.

The cover design is a collaboration between Lee Chapman and John Moritz. The original leaf of which the cover leaf is a reduction was sent to Tansy Press from Gloucester, Massachusetts. This series will appear randomly but, it is hoped, frequently and will be devoted to the work of a single artist.

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