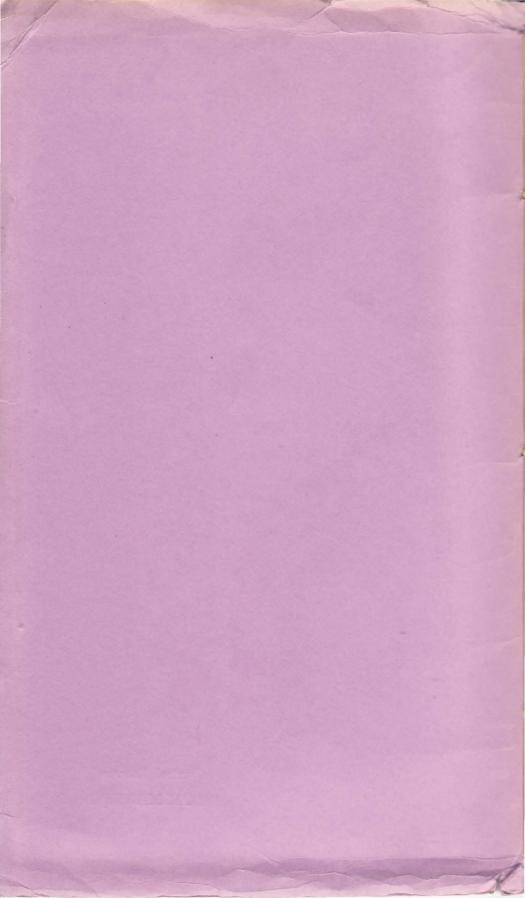
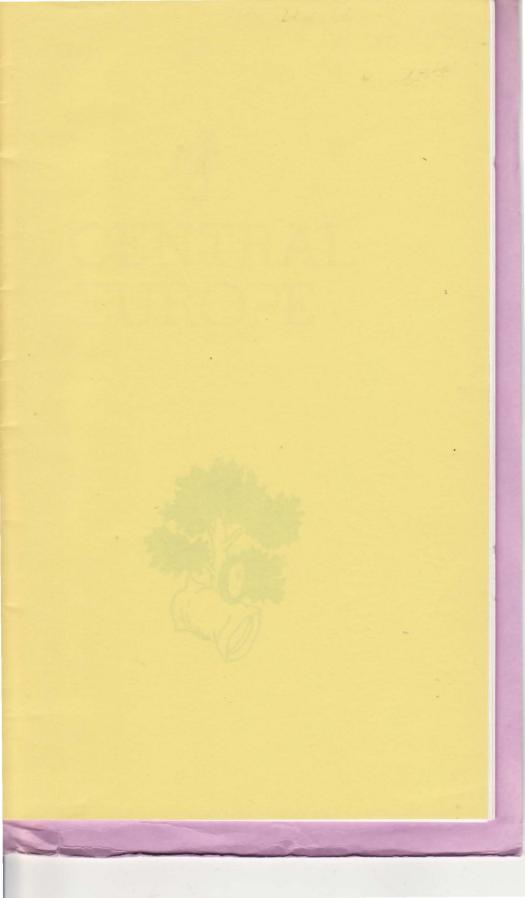
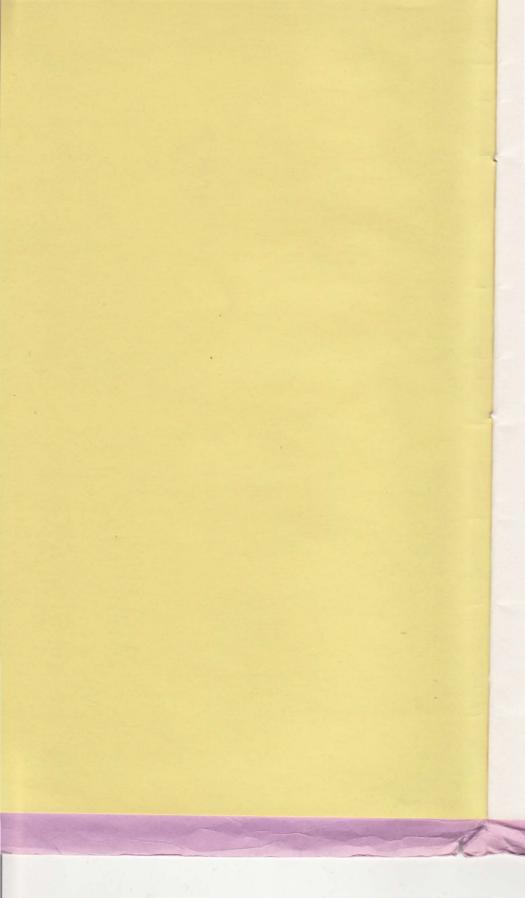
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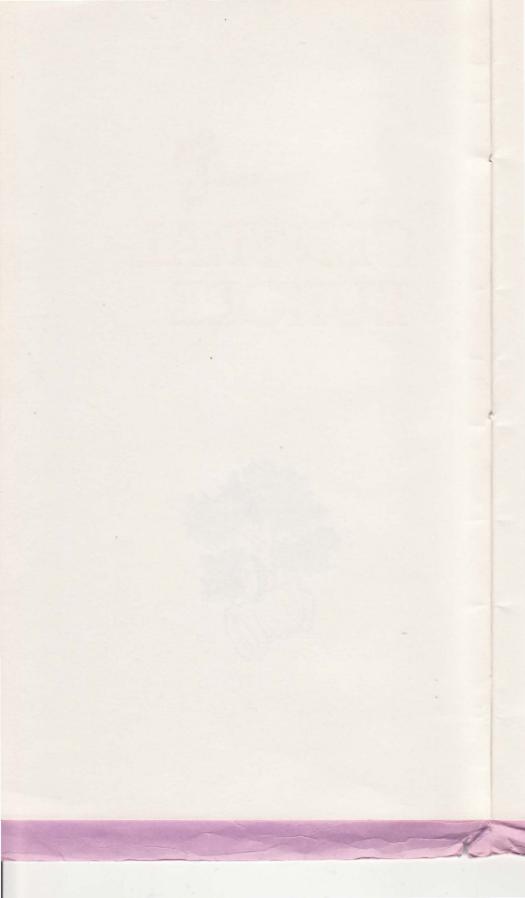






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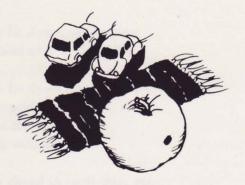


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To lie down, in the glare healed over in the solids.

To lie down for all and everyone. Recognized not for you but with the others.

As closed in as all that, yes. Even speaking even with my mouth open to speak.

You're risking danger if you take away the coals I eat as we walk diagonally away from each other. The hell I ever walked arm in arm with that tree I never did Just ripped its oldest boughs off and screamed Soothed by dreams I can't remember I cross milkland in my sleep and stumble into a bright wood.

At the very edge of the middle of our lives plants sear our names into the dirt, the only causes of stupid wildlife without resembling a place to avoid if I wish to sleep.

Facing away the dark candle never hungers.

See, my palms are open my hands don't shake. There is a coin in the sky which is a key pressed in the words you use to replace the roof below us page by page.

Grammer, glimmer a sliver reins in our words.

In deserts south of the past nets grow that hold a bold load of sunlight written on stones

The same something left in a hurry, perhaps never was here anyway, leaves me outside merely touching your thoughts.

False theories don't change the facts. A perfectly designed hammer hammers the rapids. Mirrors that won't stare back sink under a tree of knowledge that grows on the deck of this now-sinking ship. Me! Me who you say swims only with the tide and current. Tell me to let them alone. Tell me not to count them all!

The letters seek to ally with images, but the images deny the numbers. The numbers reply. Doom, they go doom.

You continue to look well somehow having managed to close your skin inside your skull. Your song drums my temple too.

Thoughtless, the cat rolls around in the sunlit afternoon.

Out of your furrows I withdraw a stone with your blessings written on it. Apparently the inner landscape is largely horsehair, concentrated by the will of a horse that wished to be buried in furniture.

Its eye was assembled out of polka dots previously scattered from smoking fountains.

Its ear pressed to your mouth is deaf. Which does not matter in this case.

Have you been there? Did you know I'd been walking there with my plant leaning over to catch its wellspoken words? A bell-mute rounding the muse, trumpet-flower remain or revoke that did not tarry but moved away from its diminishing song.

Perhaps the tide perfects the pebbles.

Air pops.

Glass loses transparency.

Rocks sing ouch.

A banner still waves down hours after we forget to put it there.

So he built a church in the form of an upright pair of pliers!

Oh... crossed jawbones of an ass?

Together we can see again. My mouth touches your shadow. White and red float in a bowl of stars looking down on you like a god on town.

Like a searchlight I never think you will come round again in your own new form excitement in the other room a momentary break in the permanent arousal. I think of you whenever I stop thinking So many desertions of desire come upon one in the street that seeing it narrow away...

Relief...

In the future these small events grow, have grown no longer existing in this form

shapes that lead the blood

Crystal violin reddish bottled inches of painful shrouded deaths Not to be maudlin or to tease either Perhaps you don't have to make up your mind not someone who shrugs or laughs with vulgar tongue your instrument of the past all the same crests all those no's

I have altered my nights torn away to celebrate an incontrovertible eclipse set early on my impulse to caper in your sleep halved by your pillowed dome our endless journey home. A man broke his appointment with the birds all years ago.

He bore a glass child, to see through himself another version of self.

They are not blocked though they are hidden. Afraid of thought he had the idea that the road waited for a train. What comes from the outside what from the inside?

Silly question! The road swerved to meet the train all those years later. Then I came forth from the sweet curb of art covered with new foliage.

The sun darkens my eyes; they are spirit of another's will. Perhaps I am furious and he is innocent, only turning to view the animal made of parts.

There is a song I might sing and would never satisfy. A harmony to complicate the four directions. Issuing from one fountain, parting slowly like old friends. Some far flat and belabored thing, is that information? I wish it into extruded rock.

White surroundings set into motion with tender finality. Memory is such exhausting effort to swim in place avoiding the waters that pass.

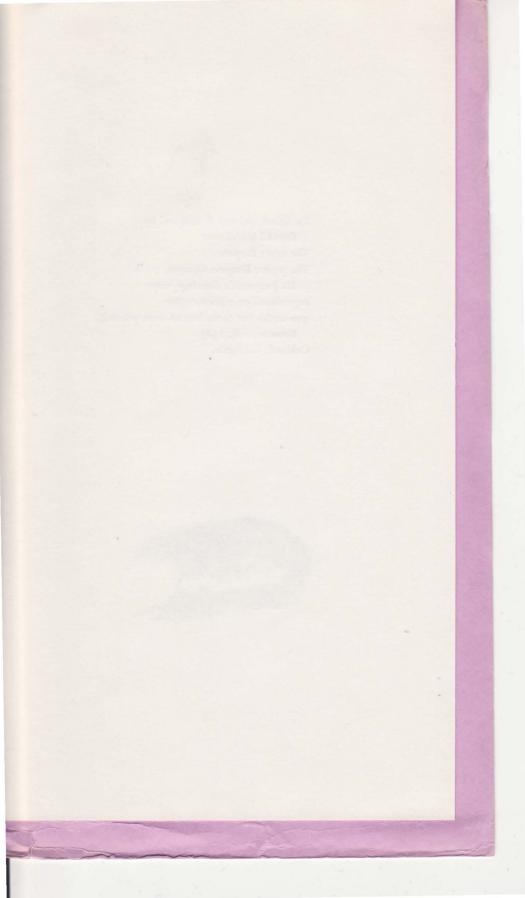
Outside the lounge angular sidewalk slabs are lifted and turned by weather over the years as by the bourbon he drank moments ago. They rise and he falls into the perpetual perceptual schemata that narrow sight. The suave parkway darkens.

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Impact closes our arms leàving out nothing we do. Perhaps it is days ago. Our minds will finish this. City air that softens the stars the produce always fresh in the evening wind. In the dairy section of town an archer tenses his bow and the strings snap the writing off the cans in 7B street. Now the worm speaks kindly to the apples using the first words that come to mind swept as it happens off the floor of 18A street. Off the clouds arrangements of the constellations reflect on the bottom of this ship.

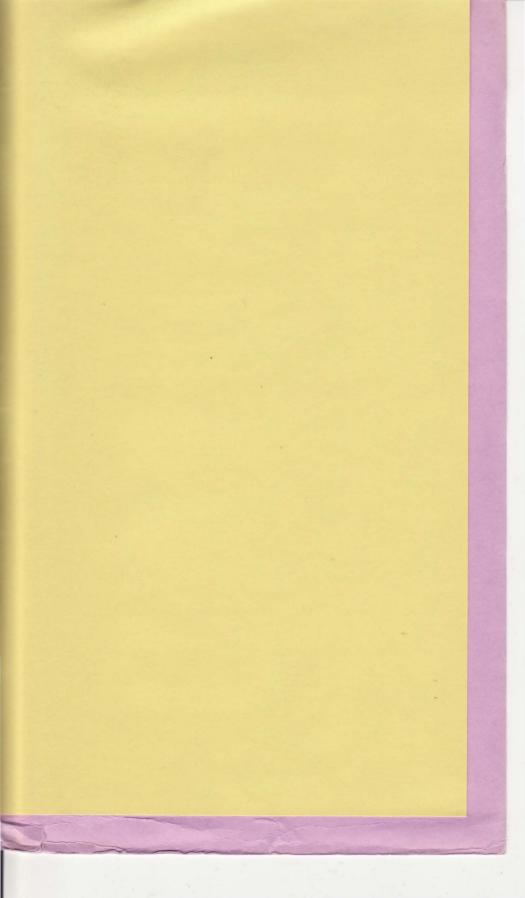
Clear it all away. Airship take me away take me back to central Europe.

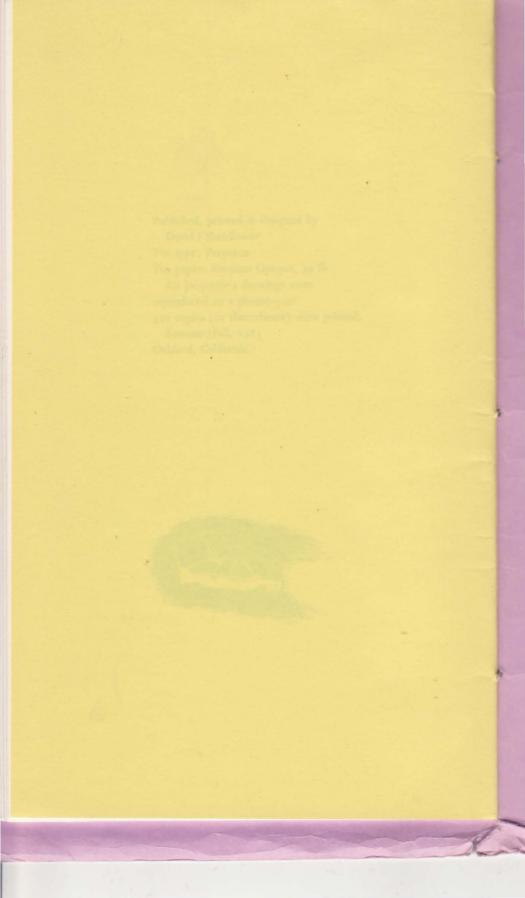
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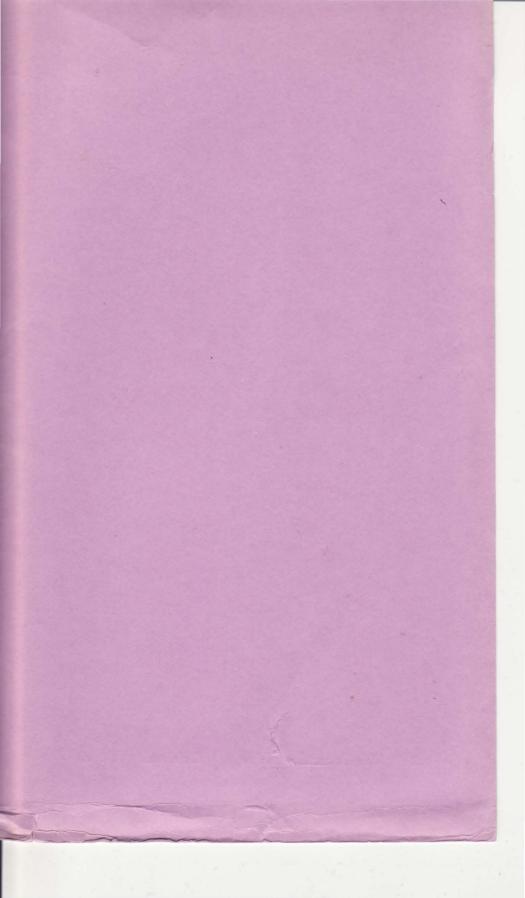


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