

*If a Poet Could Talk We Could Not Understand Him*

*for Charles Bernstein*

This is a found text  
useless words  
talking sounds  
a stone taking shape by itself  
unlike the divine clock  
clicking your cobblestones  
*hosteron proteron*  
contradictions interdicted  
silent intentions  
bestial thoughts  
a gravity of stones  
filling your pockets  
so many groans  
applying their pleasure  
lidless eyes impinging  
as if to see better not to look  
rattle (pause) rattle  
old bones cluster  
and start their run  
ten toes steadfast  
faster still if possible  
a stone's throw alone  
trips the trope  
musters your mustard  
one pebble two  
two pebbles three  
failing to pass

a lonely aesthete  
sounding his symbols  
category mistakes  
versified fakes  
a transcendental appetite  
forging its experience  
lines of dead argument  
dissymmetrical forms  
chance operations  
*Geistesgeschichte* biting its tail  
sarcophagia  
encyclopedic memories  
housed in small letters  
insufficiency of reasons  
Leibniz his alphabet  
seeing the goddess naked  
freezes fingers  
sounds the key  
speedy metricals  
early terminals  
(anacoluthonclone)  
just call him Charles  
*magister ars inveniendi*  
accidentally unearthing  
a large loose locution  
whose grammar  
held us captive