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# 13 Days After, While at Work (4 October 2020)

All the sporty folk who  
go the distance and  
fuck thrice daily  
run miles in colorful joggers,  
push strollers and cappuccinos  
'round the block.

Through the bar's glass—  
with jigger and muddled bitters—  
I think about my two little boys  
and this divorce. A past echoes  
with visual aids:

Outside, happy couples hold hands,  
tug each other toward the next interest.  
Inside, patrons speak softly  
with locked, loving eyes.  
Others cheer the Cowboys  
with a gaze held in duress.

I pour, polish, wipe  
a run-down surface,  
aim for cleanliness,  
and need a deep breath.

# An Enquiry concerning Inessential Human Consciousness

!  
I think            isolation creates time  
therefore        in considering my life  
I am              in terms of irrelevance  
  
                     defined

as

*not absolutely necessary*

*disconnected*

@  
which point in time did I begin to focus on  
relieving pain and avoiding suffering

as opposed to obtaining knowledge  
creating connection  
or feeling that every day the sun rises  
I am part of an infinitely beautiful swirl

#  
demarcation  
ordinal sets  
individuation  
or quantity

contemporaneous applications include  
the assignment of indexable metadata  
appended to varying complications of media,  
such as tweets, memes,  
or direct neural interface qualia

it would be useful to invent the machine  
if only we had the time to do so  
can you imagine a simulated life?

\$  
the tough conversations  
rent is due  
furloughed  
car loan, too

I am lucky to at least have a home  
I cannot be alone  
regarding this particular concern

%  
*the rate at which*  
is of primary concern here  
and that is what we mean by  
inequality

in the streets  
a body's color  
is a reliable predictor of future outcomes

Hume says  
the future may not always resemble the past

it is time to remove our masks  
and put on masks  
and rally for *disproportionate* no longer

^

(similar to, but not to be confused with, the logical AND)

in proofreading, *insert here*

but in Latin  
caret  
means it *lacks*  
or to indicate separateness

I fear for my use  
in signifying  
exponentiation  
or as part of an  
upward curve

I have been conditioned  
to flatten my own height  
my whole life

finally  
I can find purpose  
in staying at home

&  
being so small