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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

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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