

The pain of other animals: macro

#### WHALE

The pain of the whale is its position in the water. The pain of the whale is the high-powered harpoon cannon. The pain of the whale is the humane hunt. The pain of the whale is the sweet spot. The pain of the whale is a foot into the flesh of the heart. The pain of the whale is the names it has for others and itself. The pain of the whale is its bodily contour. The pain of the whale is the scream as the torch hits the water.

## HORSE

The pain of the horse is its stationary flank. The pain of the horse is the cross formed by the lateral of its eyes and the medial of its nose. The pain of the horse is the headfirst falling. The pain of the horse is the uselessness that follows. The pain of the horse is youth. The pain of the horse is the backwards motion, the eventual blindness. The pain of the horse is where to lay the head at the end of the day.

### COLOSSAL SQUID

The pain of the squid is mythologies. The pain of the squid is the view from the ice. The pain of the squid is the empty depth at which it swims. The pain of the squid is its sensitivity to light. The pain of the squid is the dark matter. The pain of the squid is the pain of the exile, the surface, and the gesture. The pain of the squid is its translucence. The pain of the squid is its invisibility despite its size.

### EAGLE

The pain of the eagle is how much it encompasses. The pain of the eagle is the tops of the pines. The pain of the eagle is how to feed the children. The pain of the eagle is the mid-life crisis. The pain of the eagle is foresight. The pain of the eagle is hindsight. The pain of the eagle is sight at all. The pain of the eagle is the shedding of the heavy beak and the talons. The pain of the eagle is growing new ones.

#### ALLIGATOR

The pain of the alligator is a pack of rotten meat on a line. The pain of the alligator is a man's leg around the belly. The pain of the alligator is a man's leg inside the belly. The pain of the alligator is the film across the eyes when it surfaces. The pain of the alligator is the frying pan. The pain of the alligator is the sexual organ. The pain of the alligator is the softness of its children. The pain of the alligator is the color of soot.

#### ELEPHANT

The pain of the elephant is the concentric circle. The pain of the elephant is cognition. The pain of the elephant is the proboscis against the mirror. The pain of the elephant is the picture that intimates a death set next to the picture that intimates a birth. The pain of the elephant is birth because the pain of that birth is both maternal and infantile. The pain of the elephant is the possibility that of all things it comes to this.