

Hemlock

I've walked myself lost again
hiking a northern county.

My body is out and open
mind under lock and key
resting against a hemlock tree

I've reckoned about nothing
while taking inventory.

Location services turned off
so remote I need barely breathe
resting against a hemlock tree

I seek virtue in solitude
Be good: counting one-two-three.

I'm hiding from some social ills
only death knows where I could be
resting against a hemlock tree

Let the sun and moon pass over
Let shoulders rest, rest hips and knees.

Let needles and cones cover
let fibrous roots cradle me
resting beneath a hemlock tree

Backpack Words

crowthroat

beemaddening

dyingalreadyment

sleep toomyself

LiPoLiPoLake

earlyearlatear

probabilitybitty

future paincharm

stumblehumbleroot

backwishing

diadreamgram

contraddictionary

hippronation

circulastory system

affinfinity

cinemathermál

phenomenecology

I know a man

who had a lake for a sea
an I for a T

toothpick for a lance
fit for a trance

alley for a town
egg for a crown

it took all of his life
to find a widow for a wife.

Shoegaze

faraway aquamarine
cut out of cloud
graycaps fit
for music fills

wind waves water forms

sun beat
surface and score
same as my face
an old slow drone

wind waves water forms

POEMS FOUND IN HINRICH RINK'S INTRODUCTION TO *TALES AND TRADITIONS OF THE [INUIT]* BY ERASING, COMPRESSING, AND NUMBERING

1.

never mute

like the *g* in *good*

peculiar to

Ethnology

ii.

50° N. L.

unknown to us

strictly

occupying

all the coasts
intercepted by
mutual differences

iii.

labial ornaments

akin to

intermingled Indian blood

totally destitute

those opinions

from a ship

whose language

found them

a great mistake

iv.

utterances

views

and will

conformity

spread over

stability?

no absolute

descriptions

supposed

v.

seals are sufficient
kayaks
skins
constantly frozen

ingenious
spears
penetrated

their dwellings—namely
inner and outer entrance

ascend before
“the brix”
a circular form
in caves or
a public building
in common
309 inhabitants

vi.

no regular property:
the common possession