

## **pilgrimage**

the distance from a fixed text (the score)  
to a variable text (the point, what you hear).

now, a few words• choose any, all, none• ignore• add more

being set on the idea of getting to atlantis• *nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita mi ritrovai per una selva oscura, che la diritta via era smarrita* • every day of your lives the miles, that voyage from that place to this one, you cross; in you that journey is• sometimes maybe lost is best; get lost, joe, go exploring• *il faut passer tôt ou tard, il faut passer dans ma barque*

### **outset, outlook**

wake• break• brink of a fall• spring• sure thing• dawn• well  
closed door• clear window• open sails• foot of a trail• proposal• road ahead  
hope• horizon• tide rising• white light• ideal model• optimism  
commission• perfect vision• vague expectation• crushes • wishes  
mouth of a river• undiscovered country• bounty• buried bulbs  
best guess• bet• long shot• drop in a pond• prophecy• probability cloud• pregnancy  
potential energy • blissful ignorance • certain dreams• ambitions• happiness ever until

### **ornate á la ornette**

traveling a path• encompassing the map• answering first challenges• gathering advice  
expanding horizons• rivaling the tide• raising pride• arising wide awake• trading away  
throwing a way in the works• wrenching forward• stretching premises  
thickening promise• promising ends• simmering plot• plotting arrivals  
arousing respect• commanding position• spilling the benevolence• fluxing exits  
flexing strategy• flashing past their eyes• elaborating the past• amazing prescience  
making grace• unearthing worth• birthing potential• besting loss• falling in lies  
outlining actions • plotting arrivals• evolving vaults• developing days  
wedding motivation• sketching truths• convincing proofs• attempting to will  
tilling the soul• blending norms• bending to the possible• tempting the devil  
bedeviling intemperance• rounding the cape• squaring the hip• reviewing the future  
brewing truths• pursuing a storm

### **different colored doors**

upon a time• before ever after• near an answer• on the threshold• over the waters  
above the void• through the maelstrom• by black light• beyond ultraviolet and infrared  
out of time and space• at great pains• along the way, lost• a dark glass barrier apart  
far from familiar• for want of fairer weather• in league with inquiry• in cahoots with a clue  
against better judgment• under brutal scrutiny• during an undecided election  
toward eternity• astride a sleeping dragon• beside several reflected selves  
between sides of the story• of unanswered questions• behind the seventh seal  
before seven monoliths• toward a far shore• in the middle of the Styx  
in accordance with the scriptures• in discord with your script• on the horns of a dilemma  
within the gordian knot• in the thick of the sphinx's riddle• in the eye of the needle  
off the compass• in sight of the next step• in spite of the map• to pieces• in the breach  
out of reach• in search of why • amid the wilderness within • out of expectations  
in lieu of direction• in line with desperation• on the brink• on pain of remaining  
in need of deliverance• at the sidewalk's end

### **dark matter**

there, yet

seven hieroglyphs to decipher• lost languages to translate• time worn epitaphs to trace  
arcane symbols to contemplate• mysteries revealed• puzzles for musing  
allegories to interpret• parables to hear• to sneak up on a mirror• nothing to venture  
substance to void• beside a brackish lake• states to realize• a self to recognize  
an immensity to reduce• confusing vastness• facts to doubt  
mosaics to restore• golden hoards to guard• echoes to silence• a fate to oppose  
to reach for all atlantis shining below• the view from nebo  
density to empty• emptiness to accept• pennies in fountains• a dead end to extend  
a depth to fathom• shadows to embody• what “is” is to ponder • riddling responses  
i am not

### **minima, a mantra**

a far, far better place• where there’s a will• gotta get away• no way  
there is no spoon• no place like home• thy will be done• not lest thou bless me  
not now• not nouns, but verbs• what comes around, goes• one time around• keep going  
i wish• fuck this• shit happens• therefore i am• i think i can  
builds character• makes you stronger• work harder• make your garden grow• tomorrow  
just do it • just say no• never say never• it just doesn’t matter  
don’t worry• you’ll be sorry• release• believe• dream ahead

### **egress redressed**

regressed revelry• efforts relegated• delegate returned• awakened numb• what’s become  
run aground• love crushed• come around• spell broken• wound unopened• habit bound  
cracked lens• fragmented lines• fractured time• demands answered• plans fermented  
footing found• infirmed returned• intentions mended• message never meant• way well laid  
future unplanned• past disappointed• point foiled• outreach recoiled• meaning revealed  
skein unraveled• scheme peeled• tracks unpaired• unparalleled repeal• extension reeled in  
hidden seal• appeal unheard• confidence hit• hand hold caught• calling lost• fear evolved  
unwilling taught• lesson earned• quiet requited• recompense spurned• lapses relaxed  
value returned• contact truncated• antidote drunk• fixes broken• riches sunk  
duty seduced• charge delivered• problem fulfilled• breath enveloped  
oath foresworn• end begun• over• born• done• lost• won

### **refrains reframed**

home, again• no gain• no going home• home unknown• sights honed  
new moon• clearer view, less light• tired of desire• harnessed care• beyond harm  
darkness before dawn• calm after the storm• current dammed• same river, second step  
ripples in reflection• outlasting chance• never too late• ever later• fading into place  
embracing background• remainder carried• staff buried• broken urge• old-growth forest  
fresh seeds sown• old roses regrown• books to drown• meeting ends• delusion freed  
reaching rest• still at last

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