## Low Roaming Cloud

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Your welcome to touch and stroke my leaves.

Close your eyes,

inhale

exhale

gently please.

Your given the diagram of an ear,

in profile.

Your outer ear canal

infected

From spending so long in the water,

as one species, acting as another.

Another child with an ear infection

For swimming so long in the water,

on my back

looking up to the sky.

So long as I stay still in the water,

my face is in profile.

My ears as one species, my face another.

Exposed to

air

sky

water

tilting me sideways, cradled by my mother again.

On her lap she'd prop my head up and tilt me to the side.

Long stemfingers, muffle my inner ear,

in thick white felt.

From my canal out knotty buds of cotton dampened,

with yellow liquid sun you poured into my ear

to aid my infection,

stroking my ear like a lamb.

When I think of a Lambs ear,

I think of a rabbit borrowing itself in subterranean

with ears exposed to air above top soil

A Lambs ear grows a cotton purple tail, so when she grows ears,

she also grows a tail.

A tale,

tell

tale

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tale

tell

cotton bud rolling over my cotton shirt.

Yellow liquid sun.

Cradled by my mother again,

On her lap she'd prop her head up and tilt her to the side.

Stroking strands of spindled cotton ears.

Between being a dog, to a ball of cotton.

She's a cloud
A low roaming cloud
in our flat,
on the floor.

A floor bearing low roaming cloud mopping marble.

Her eyes constantly filled with yellow liquid sun.

Cleaning her ears, now velvet.

She can't see ma, see animals in the sky.

Tilt your head up and tell me what you see.

Lambs ears rabbits ears cats ears mouse ears dogs ears elephants ears a fawns ears

Lambs tongues dogs tounges cats tongues

Lambs wool
Wooly woundwort ear,
I cant hear you.

Lift your head up mama, She has to clean them.

With a cotton tissue the cotton returns, cotton tissue mopping her marble, cotton clean cloud returns.

When I think of a Lambs ear I think of touching tongues.

A lurching tongue

my cats tongue
my dogs tongue
tongues swimming
across my face
tongue tilted across her face
out of her mouth.

Looking up to the sky, she needs

air

sky

water

My cats tongue bristles across my face, brushes bristles across my face,

> my cheek my eyelid and then his tail in my eye.

My ears as one species, my face another

Cradled by mother again, Her paralysed stiff body between her legs, my legs giving me water.

Mummy lent over me like a fawn, teaching her to walk again to walk with me again.

At night whilst holding her legs, his tail.

Bambis tail,

mops the remaining tears from my mouth.

His ears are now in my mouth, my ears in his mouth and what comes after is the tail.

A Tale.

My cat's tale keeps his body balanced.

Like our ears keep me upright so we don't recline toward the floor, head first into a big thick bush on all fours.

I've always wanted to be on all fours,

Going head first into a big thick bush, rest my back on a bush a float on a big thick sheep embracing a big thick bush sheep

low roaming cloud.

Well find the lamb
burrowed in the bush,
when its lost
I cant see the bush ahead
head first into a big thick wall brick
bark

bush Wall

By the end our dog couldn't see or walk, ahead in dark rooms, still on marble floor.

Cradled by mother again, in a dark room ready to sleep.

I hear the folk song youd sing to me, sing to me.

Where a white rabbit played all day in the nearest forest and got lost in the woods with a fawn ora lamb.

Where it got too dark to return home, so they both started to cry.

The dear ones started to cry. Oh dear Oh dear In darkness.

I sleep never reaching the end of that song.

Baby mine, baby mine.

In her trunk,
hanging on a branch that I confused for my dogs spine,
nested in its leaves with
a lamb
my cat
a rabbit
and a fawn.

Would the fawn a rabbit my cat and lamb be lost?

You were telling me you saw a rabbit or a lamb a cat or a fawn.

Faun rooted in soil, multiple bodies in soil.

In my body is the tale of my cats mouth,

his tail
on my dogs body
and a lamb
resting on marble floor
by a foot rest with a rabbit
and a fawn.

Between the cats mouth and the tail sits a lambs ear with my mother in summer becoming hairier, felt hairier.

hairier

The green moves toward the back for four the white white hairs coming to the foreground as you grow older.

White hair in my foreground when we grow older.

In the ground summer marble floor, my dogs ground disappears.

She loses sight into the wall, we lose sight of her, my dogs ground disappears.

Into the marble floor, that marble body on my kitchen floor there still, she becomes mistaken for a foot rest,

rest.

Still that marble body buried in ever-green, there still in my garden covered with marble slate she's finally seen.

## My father steps on it to level it pruning tears, sealing a wound.

On week woken up by sirens in commemoration of a war, my dogs tongue lays flat at rest.

rest more.

In perennial velvet texture,
with knotty buds
of cotton purple tales,
Pinna is not properly ever-green
not very conspicuous.

I'm hidden amongst loomed felt and propagate such auricular covering so much that I must be separated once bloomed.

Plants flower in mid-summer divided as soon as September growth begins

A lamb foliage falls eventually to be replaced by a fresh crop in spring.

Long stem fingers muffle my inner ear in thick white felt, in thick white felt.

From my canal out knotty buds of cotton dampened with yellow liquid sun.

With yellow liquid sun

I rest my ears in sun,
in yellow liquid sun.