

Astronautalis, Barrel Jumping (A Man Of Letters)

(Well
sometimes
I think that you
meet someone
you
give and you give
and you give until there's nothing left
no matter what
it's never
ever going to be good enough for them)

Drove up to the river with the barrel in the back of the trunk,
the grilled cheese that Karen ??? hung out in front.
Mr. Merle and Johnny Cash swear I'm leaving at once,
punched the gas the leaves all laugh,
the wind wheezes and coughs.

The water wash sprays off, pinpricked my lips.
Wet wood framed moonlight, barely barrel of slits.
Came too far to watch it drift off now I can,
let my ship slide along right off that cliff,
right off the cliff,
right off the cliff.

Could have set you to rest,
I could have told you that I loved you to death.
Make a million memories, you talk in wasted breath.
Wave my hat and beat my chest while listening 'til it hits,
you love the mess, I'll give you one that you never forget.

A man of letters knows the best of broken needs and frayed respects,
the promise catch a cloud of breath and foggy ?inuit/inward? scent
Hands that get and hands that beg and hands that always forget,
count on tips but never ever can you count on the catch.
Count on the catch,
count on the catch.

My little ship drifts with the leaves and water spraying across the lips,
Mr. Moon's good work blue earthmen kissed,
two ships soft hiss in the sparkling mist,
that old lift in your falling chest just before the hit.
I never thought it'd come to this my parents never taught me to drift,
something I learned watching bridges burn down to sticks,
there's nothing left but a mess of splinters flailing limbs,
the water sounds just like the record's end.
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there's no big parade no big cheques.
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