

Two blackout poems for Søren Kierkegaard

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Repetition (for Søren Kierkegaard)

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[RE]

denied motion
a word paced
back and forth, assuming
repetition
what importance something loses in being repeated—
after all, you have
been there once before,
At home immobilized by
philosophy, repetition is expression or "recollection" Just as
all knowing all life is repetition. only
Repetition
is genuine
Repetition makes a person
gives time to
life forgotten
thing.
an author
is in truth only
the restlessness of hope,
adventurousness of

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Betrayal

Betrayal'

~~Repetition~~

~~him I could do by~~ ~~66~~ ~~him~~. Punishment ~~came~~ ~~no~~ ~~by~~
~~him~~ betrayed ~~the~~ Eleusinian ~~mysteries~~ ~~but~~ ~~the~~
~~him~~ who insulted this ~~institute~~ by refusing ~~to~~ ~~initiate~~.
~~According~~ to a Greek ~~author~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~ with
~~man~~ named Demonax,⁶ who nevertheless by his brilliant de-
~~ense~~ got out of it with skin ~~intact~~. ~~My~~ ~~position~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~
~~is~~ even more critical, for he is even more ~~critical~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~
~~my~~ ~~own~~ ~~mind~~, ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~ever~~ ~~so~~ ~~angry~~ when I do what he ~~most~~
~~urgently~~ requests when I keep silent.

But if in the meantime he believes that I have completely
 forgotten ~~him~~, ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~swinging~~ ~~once~~ ~~again~~. ~~His~~ ~~dis~~ ~~ap~~ ~~pearance~~ ~~actually~~ ~~made~~ ~~me~~ ~~feel~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~despair~~ ~~he~~
~~had~~ done away with himself. As a result ~~his~~ ~~dis~~ ~~appearance~~ does
 not remain hidden very long; ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~hidden~~. I neither heard
 nor read ~~anything~~. I decided that he presumably must be
~~dead~~, wherever he was lurking. The girl ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~found~~ ~~and~~
 knew nothing whatsoever. ~~Nothing~~ ~~did~~ ~~she~~ ~~show~~ ~~up~~ ~~and~~
~~said~~ ~~one~~ ~~word~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~. Her ~~transition~~ ~~to~~ ~~death~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~easy~~,
~~for~~ ~~at~~ ~~first~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~very~~ ~~suspicious~~, awakened little by little ~~and~~
~~at~~ ~~first~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~very~~ ~~consolidated~~ ~~in~~ ~~her~~ ~~slumber~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~she~~
 slumbered ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~dreamlike~~ ~~ambiguity~~ ~~about~~ ~~what~~ ~~had~~ ~~happened~~ ~~and~~ ~~what~~ ~~it~~ ~~could~~ ~~mean~~. For ~~sure~~ ~~the~~ ~~girl~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~
 material ~~to~~ ~~observation~~.⁷ My friend was ~~not~~ ~~one~~ ~~who~~
~~know~~ ~~how~~ ~~to~~ ~~squeeze~~ ~~everything~~ ~~out~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~beloved~~
~~and~~ ~~then~~ ~~throw~~ ~~her~~ ~~away~~, on the contrary, ~~her~~ ~~dis~~ ~~appearance~~
~~left~~ ~~her~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~desirable~~ ~~state~~, healthy, in full bloom,
~~enriched~~ ~~by~~ ~~all~~ ~~his~~ ~~poetic~~ ~~yield~~, ~~powerfully~~ ~~nourished~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~
~~priceless~~ ~~cordial~~ ~~poetic~~ ~~illusion~~. ~~Rarely~~ ~~does~~ ~~one~~ ~~meet~~ ~~the~~
~~filled~~ ~~girl~~ ~~in~~ ~~this~~ ~~state~~. When I saw her ~~some~~ ~~days~~ ~~later~~, she
~~was~~ ~~still~~ ~~as~~ ~~lively~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~child~~, ~~laughing~~ ~~like~~ ~~usually~~ ~~a~~ ~~girl~~ ~~who~~
~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~likely~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~as~~ ~~furnished~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~fish~~ ~~that~~ ~~has~~ ~~lived~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~
~~barrel~~. I was in all conscience convinced that he must be ~~dead~~
~~and~~ rejoiced that he had ~~not~~ ~~yet~~ ~~reached~~ ~~the~~ ~~desperate~~ ~~point~~ ~~of~~
~~leaving~~ ~~himself~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~hands~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~unbelievable~~ ~~how~~ ~~common~~
 an erotic relationship can ~~lead~~ ~~to~~ ~~death~~ ~~or~~ ~~die~~ ~~of~~ ~~grief~~
 or ~~wants~~ ~~to~~ ~~die~~ ~~from~~ ~~it~~ ~~all~~. According to ~~his~~ ~~solemn~~ ~~declaration~~,
~~she~~ ~~could~~ ~~die~~ ~~of~~ ~~grief~~ ~~and~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~a~~ ~~deceiver~~.
 But look, he was no deceiver and perhaps