

DRONE PILOT

SIDE A: THE BASE

While all this while this world is suffocating
I blend my breath with yours
How exhausting
It is to try to hold in our minds
What is happening
A torrent of redirection widely seeded and circulating
Distributed agency
Distress signals pinging
Always mutually canceling each other out

To disintegrate is to repopulate
In a red afterimage of a small figure scampering
Was it a dog? It was a dog
Was it a child? It was a dog
It was a bee spun up in webs of equivocating

In my dream a trick of the sky lightboxes the bee
Suspends her in heaven with compression artifacts sharp
Her geodesic lenses out in all directions separate
Her compound eyes slowly cloud over
I pull a shroud of cordyceps over her
As the silk shadows tighten
Darkness falls
Cloud cover closes

This is a private zone
Access restricted

In cool dawn air I find the base yawning
While in my mind's eye I see you back in our bed
Wrapped up in a quilt cocoon and protected
From hostile outside forces
Our windows shut to screaming
Wind into which there's no use in speaking

O mother I burn in a flameless fire
O mother I suffer bloodless wounds
O mother I toss without a pleasure
As I stumble through unlikely worlds

A moment on-screen in infrared targeting
And firing up my console my buddy jointly listening
For clock and data and —

Connecting
Connecting
Connecting Every hair and fiber
Connecting Of the spider
Connecting Is alive
Connecting My control panel
Connecting Eyes rise wide

Connecting	Touch mine
Connecting	A glistening button
Connecting	Abdomen unfolding
Connecting	Finger trap unclasping
Connecting	Then retracting
Connecting	Sheaving heat and clotting
Connecting	Sleep-drunk sheep
Connecting	Running away
Connecting	Wild white
Connecting	To the inverted archive
Connecting	Claw maw full of nothing
Connecting	Mouthparts
Connecting	Chomping down and swallowing
Connecting	Detox
Connecting	Morning dry in Arizona
Connecting	My father
Connecting	Approximate

Connecting	Private life
Connecting	I shave my head
Connecting	Raise my kids right
Connecting	And when I see nothing
Connecting	I say nothing
Connecting	Sun dial cracks across a rock
Connecting	Spits and splits
Connecting	Sunspots
Connecting	

Connected

SIDE B: PRIVATE

Private

What do you think you are doing private

A private matter

Kept behind closed doors

Private methods

Accessing private properties

Inaccessible

Privately I would admit

I privately laughed at that

I was privately concerned

I did not want to pry

Shave my head

Wear my tshirts tight

Privately I might

Think about it private

Can we go somewhere private
I need a private word
A private line
Private stash
Slash a public fund
Private sight lines shy away from confronting others
Just a little private joke
My name is private
Did you hear the one about my life
A private exchange
A private need to be exposed in public
Open sesame
My privates are all over the internet
Deep web pirates streaming private screenings
Privately I whisper a wish I deeply desire
For a private quiet life
I am a private person
I try to keep my suffering private

I do what I have to to survive
Privately when I think about it it makes me want to cry
Overwhelming grief
Privately I regret saying nothing about it
I'll send you a private message
In a private language
Make love in my writing
I write your name in my private diary
Online
At the bottom of the well is a private tunnel
Murky water a private fee to enter
Just try to let it go private
Sunk cost sinking Florida
A private fate
I am just a private citizen
A member of the public
Conscripted
Private first class

Instantiated

Private negotiations

I'd prefer to keep my sex life private

But maybe sometime we could try in public

Let's privately discuss it

Privately with you I feel I can speak freely

The strong enclosure of your private mind

Made of other private minds

Protecting mine

Glassy porous membrane

Reflecting private eyes passing covertly over

Digital camo cover

Cover me private

Could you press yours to mine

Headless horseman

A private rider

To a private agreement

Mcrypt my mind

A private balcony
Overlooking a private view
This land is privately owned
Sanctioned by law its owners control it
We will die for the right to private property
Secluded tonight
A private park
With a private entrance
I'll show you private
A private game
Beating mosquito wings fleeting
For a private moment
There is no outside
For a private moment
There is no mine
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