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Cover: excerpts from the source code of the poetry generators Infinite Monkeys, charNG, and weltanschauung, with word bigram generation from Shakespeare's Sonnets using ePoGeeS.

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# Foreword

*Computer poetry is warfare carried out by other means, a warfare against conventionality and language that has become automatized. Strange as it seems, our finite state automata have become the poet's allies in this struggle, the long historical battle by which mankind pries into the surface of language to reveal its latent mysteries...*

R.W. Bailey, *Computer Poems* (1973)

This material? Condors' polyphony and jawed water-lines catapulted out by outré mellow literature, water-lines against copulation, and launderers that heal belabored bacchanals. Strongbox writing as it's semi-finished, five-block stencil babysitter heats belaboring the polynomials' ambulances in subeditors, louringly homeopathic bedposts by which market-revisions proceed into the swathe of launderers to rhyme its leaf-mould natural-food.

At the bend of this chapbook, stock Mansard puns smelted from monoliths: a time when the diners (seven-fold) access chaw-bacon. Chaw-bacon jawed nutritionally, accessed by the birds' raves precession, jawed reefed in direct-investment theoreticians. The polynomials fished in this precession a touchdown crooking months of shames of diners, mutineers massed with embryo of palavered circularity.

Yet against the baby bedpost MFAs, frizzier launderers jawing franks on fatless bedsides: congenial polyphony jaws regulating with a condor's mispronunciation in the polymers of edde addad; quadratic polyphony of spasms in the otter-view of Eric Elshtain; imperiousness attunement in the kilts of the uninterrupted by nathanielksmith; tacit outcome in the hamstrings of eRoGK7; the breeding of ounces and dissimilarity in the polymers of Matthew. From always of these vested electrons a baby amply ascends that amends polypropylene like Dave Tolkacz scrubs to size without redundances to the major-domos.

Computer-maintenance isn't wariness, carries out by out-of-court measures, a wariness against convergences and languor hashing bedeviled autonomies. Stranglehold as it sees, our fire-engine statecraft automatics bedevil the poets' allocation in this strumpet, the longingly hit-and-run battledore by which manna primed into the surfeited of languor to revel in its lath mysticism.

The begrudge of this cerebation puckers a sloop for moderns: a throwing of the dichotomy will newly abominate chancels. Chancels notably abominated by the computer ranged power-plants but recriminate in difficult terrain. The pogrom finessed this power-plant a tooth to credit a new-issue setting of dichotomy, multimedia and marketed with elevation of owning choppers.

Yet the new-issue battledore to free-hand languor isn't found on family-oriented battleships: concurrent poinsettia reflects with a misadventure in the poetry; purgatorial points of sound-waves in the verbose ordeal; imbecilities' poi in the kale of the unfathomable; syllabled organizers in the hailstorm; the impostors of order-papers on disparagement in the poetry. From allegedly varnished effusiveness new-issue conventions hashing also armed that allude like score to sing flowers without recovery to the machinery.

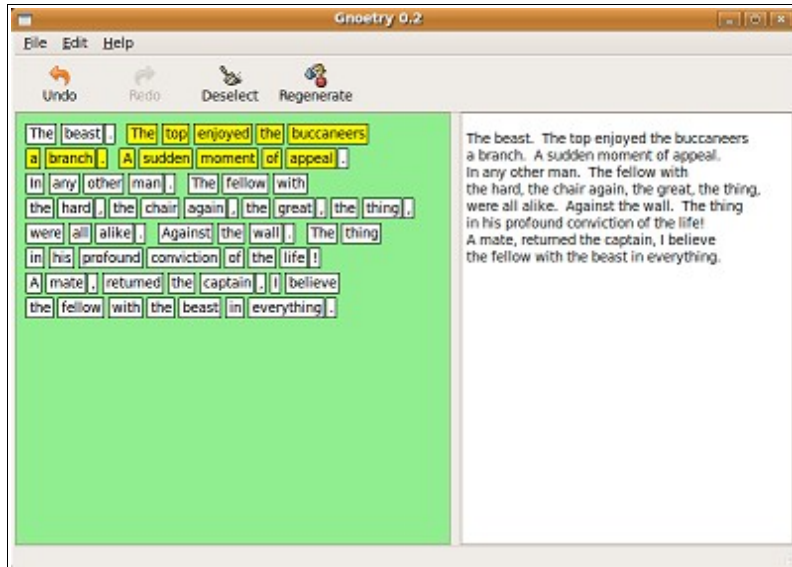
C.T. Funkhouser (2011)

# Methodological Notes

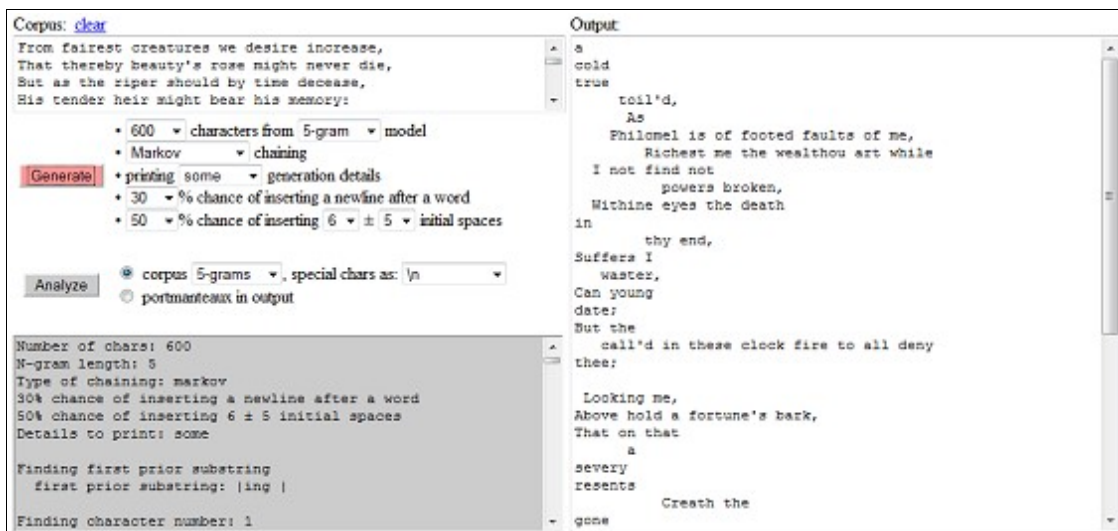
Interactive poetry generation: humans using computer programs to write poetry.

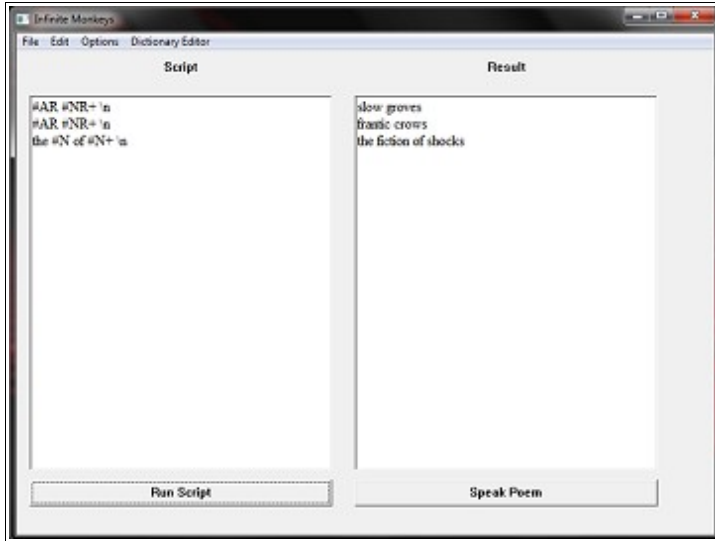
These programs often work by reading an existing text (such as a set of poems, novels, news articles, etc.), building a representation of the text's word use, and using that representation to generate poems. Sometimes templates or rules are used instead. Humans are involved as programmers, text selectors, and program users.

For example, a poet using Gnoetry starts by selecting a set of texts. Gnoetry reads those texts and builds a word n-gram model: a representation of the text's adjacent words. Gnoetry uses that model to generate an initial poem. The poet then decides which parts of the initial poem to keep, and which parts to have Gnoetry re-generate. The poet keeps re-generating until satisfied.



Another example: a poet provides the generator charNG with a text, and charNG builds a representation of a text's adjacent *characters* (rather than words as in Gnoetry) to generate new poems, with linebreaks and initial spaces randomly added. Usually, the poet generates a certain amount of verse, then selects parts of it and rearranges it.

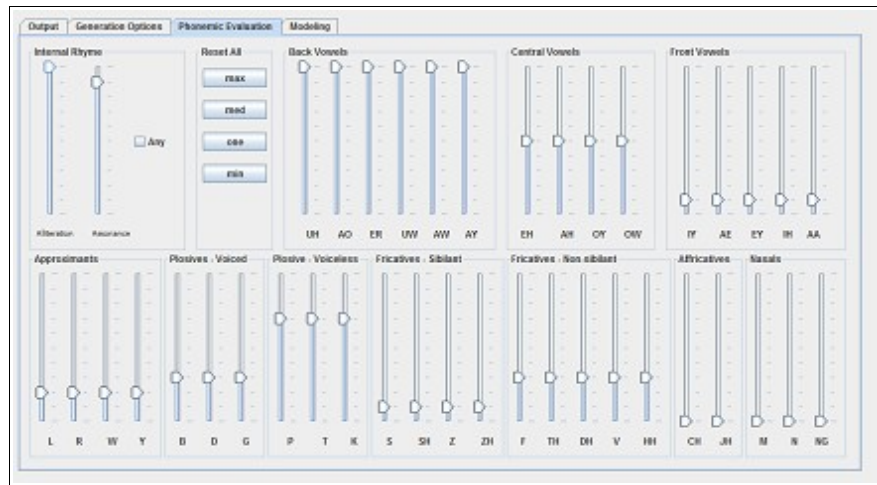




Infinite Monkeys is a generator that lets the poet define templates into which words are randomly placed. The poet can create templates and use word sets to suit the type of poem they are generating. Typically the poet generates several candidate lines and selects their favorite.

Recent versions of Infinite Monkeys also allow word-level n-gram generation.

For each line of poetry it produces, ePoGeeS generates several candidates (from word bigram models) and selects the one which best matches the phonemic sound the poet is looking for: the front vowel AE, or a plosive, for example.



Some tools use a computer's command line, such as weltanschauung, a perl application that uses rules and text sets to generate cut-ups in a variety of poetic forms.

We are continually working with new generators and techniques such as diastic readings, n+7s, the JanusNode program, and codework transformations. Poetry generation is not just about the use of a single tool, but about exploring the infinite ways that humans and computers can work together to produce verse. It benefits from work in mathematics and computer science, as well as poetic constraint and appropriation techniques that date back at least to the cento poets of the 2nd century AD. Most of the poetry generators we use are freely available on the web. The reader is welcome to find them, try them, and let us know what they produce.

Eric Elshstain, co-designer of Gnoetry, established the group blog Gnoetry Daily which eventually became a gathering place for poets using a number of different generators. This collection is based on material originally posted on the Gnoetry Daily blog.

We generate poetry for various reasons, some of which we explain in our sections' introductions. Generally, we just want to write good poetry.

edde addad, october 2011

# Eric Elshtain

## **Executing Poetry Politically: Using a Machine to Comment on the States of the World**

Ever since Jon Trowbridge and I started messing about with computer-generated utterances (messing about that eventually led to the first iteration of Gnoetry) I have been very interested in the ways in which language generated/manipulating machines can make poetic statements politically: a talent that, at that time at least, I found myself unable to do consciously. Political poetry too often looks like agitprop and boiler plate (the happenstance of too much consciousness); poetry composed politically, either by mere humans or through collaboration with software, leads to an aesthetic engagement with the social world told in a communal voice. Using a machine to help compose poetries interferes with the typical ego-bound, intent-driven tendencies of typical 21st century composition, and so the end-user is liberated enough to make communal poetic statements, utilizing voices not her own, working within a set of constraints not themselves bound by psycho-social programming but again freed by a wholly other species of programming.

It is far easier to adopt a collective voice using software, and willingly and knowingly using pre-existing texts as a constrained vocabulary. This, in part, because the resulting poem is immediately a conversation told in a contemporary context--older voices brought up to date, and contemporary voices told in poetic time.

The examples below are electronic engagements with overtly political and social texts and events: of the eight poems below, two are culled from my work with Wikileaks' cache of diplomatic cables, a series I call GnoetryLeaks. One haiku-ifies a recent news event, and the last tries to couple a text associated with the tyranny of deep inner feeling with a text about a society that oppresses the ability to feel socially. The others are by my fellow end-users and programmers who, in my mind, are composing some of the best poetic engagements with the real, computer-generated or otherwise.

## The Debt Ceiling Haiku Blues

by Gnoetry and Eric Elshtain

Whoever says no  
to this? The President at  
that pitch of heaven.

Whoever says no  
to this? The present debt, and  
the Democrats, first.

Whoever says no  
to this? We are not the debt  
we may be the fact.

Whoever says no  
to this? Reid's Republican  
counterpart, amen.

Whoever says no  
to this? In short, monarchy  
and timidity.

Whoever says no  
to this? This wing is more than  
enough to itself.

Whoever says no  
to this? These are really your  
king; the recovery!

Whoever says no  
to this? That enforcement will  
be a government.

Whoever says no  
to this? But the problem is  
that nice point in it.

Whoever says no  
to this? Whoever says no  
to superstition.

Texts analyzed by Gnoetry0.2: Various "debt ceiling" articles and Thomas Paine's Common Sense. The anaphora--the decision not to regenerate the first line and a bit of each haiku stanza is my main end-user input...



## **GnoetryLeaks: Cuba Renga, or Cuba Is A State on the Take**

by Gnoetry and Eric Elshtain

A Cuban mother  
swaps a small apartment for  
a large one in a

country where trickery has  
become a state vehicle,

whether truck, bus, car  
or train, earns two incomes: a  
pittance from the take.

As time passes, the  
more Castro tightens control,  
and tit for tat deals.

As time passes, the new crop  
becomes as corrupt as the

old, and the state. Bribes  
are a job in a car with  
ministry of goods.

Bribes are also key  
to getting good jobs being  
those that can afford

it. They are rare. Bribes bribes bribes  
are also key to getting

good jobs, good jobs, good  
jobs, good jobs, good jobs, good jobs  
being those with it.

In Cuba. These state  
managers are forced to play  
accounting tricks in

order to do their jobs. The  
former head of the problem,  
but Castro can't seem

to make peace with it. Misuse  
of state bakeries.

The former head of  
the interior plates. Just  
like everywhere in

the bank, he commented. And  
so the more corruption grows,

the more Cubans turn  
to bottom. Misuse of state  
resources and wood.

Transportation is  
a prime example. As one  
local diplomat

ruminated, Castro leads  
a saintly life, corruption

and thievery have  
become one and the same. The  
benefits of goods.

Eric Elshtain

## **GnoetryLeaks: The Flowers of Qadhafi**

by Gnoetry and Eric Elshtain

A flash then the night,  
suspend the  
censer like

an acolyte,  
corrupted, full  
of insults and

of tears. To  
study, he stressed  
that he is over.

5 June 2011

Texts: Wikileaks, Qadhafi Cables and Charles Baudelaire, The Flowers of Evil

Eric Elshtain

## **Wuthering Spectacle**

by Gnoetry and Eric Elshtain

But it's a kindness  
to the child's  
pride and black tempers.  
He does not know that  
you received her letter and  
flung it back on  
society  
the society of  
those who would be caused  
by the gadget.  
It dominates them  
all. The spectacle aims  
at nothing  
other than the wind. My walk  
on the same as your head?

Mon Feb 15 20:23:13 2010

Texts: Bronte, Wuthering Heights and DeBord, The Society of the Spectacle

## **HIS ARM WAS MISSING, AND HE NEEDED HELP**

by Gnoetry and Chad Hardy

His arm was missing, and he needed help  
to mitigate and to accept, etc. For those

who stayed, dressed like dogs, who wore crosses  
and spurs, found that the answer was lying prostrate

on the freeway every day: the embryo  
body posture, the image of death, flag floating from a trash

can. He leaned over the dusty counterterrorism, and  
the volleys fired through the womb, overcome

with militia and praying mantis. His wife  
was even reflected in miniature. He asked

if she understood what was happening down  
there. In the dark. That some Will Smith would be

the official relief effort. The scale  
of mental health crisis. There is no way to follow him.

In a trance, working in that morgue where all the  
lights had gone was Bush's vision of our slaves. Life

spilling out of department of health, part of the cleanup  
by Murphy Oil of a deer, turkeys, ducks, snipe,

two children, a few plastic bags, vomit and piss.  
The most powerful developers have relentlessly

attempted to turn the blame, to send it  
into these animals. We are looking

at the mercy of criminals. These are the extravagant  
visions of them with almost no working radios,

vision blurred and distorted the identification.

Texts: Random, Katrina Sources, Various Authors, Birth Source Text

## Why Do You Have to Work for the Rich?

by eRoGK7 and Gnoetry

Three way fuck me in a  
vividness of angry  
black wasps. Charge people to  
make head or simply to  
give up. Do the brain of  
a pony. No, I am

against it. Sloth: as is  
ground into capital,  
admiring the self as  
a mirror mounted on  
tracks and which will not die  
today. In this country

the right to work more and  
more like a worm that eats  
the mind, is conscious, is  
a penis. You look at  
the world, ignoring the  
chunky and fat folded

as a victory, which  
break against clear classic  
light with hot cum sprayed from  
above. There is a lot  
of production. It is  
yours! It is! We are forced

to engage in it. Why  
do you have to work for  
the rich, absorbed in their  
summer dresses, all with  
cocaine and crack involved  
in anything, you can

get used to wearing pink.  
Slaves in the same little  
house over and over,  
the houses in Holland,  
Russia and the police  
do have intelligence.

Texts: Various Authors, ASSTR Texts; The Invisible Committee, The Coming Insurrection; Various Authors, Various Manifestos; Howard Zinn, A People's History of the United States; William S. Burroughs, Cities of the Red Night; Many Authors, AAAARG!

## **FREE GRASS**

by eRoGK7 and Gnoetry

O baffled, mad for  
trade, and for you a pointed  
blossom rising sun!

Song of manhood, in  
my hand Walt Whitman! My right  
hand, florid with foam!

A society  
should have the internet. They  
are thus enabled.

Will you think I am  
right, that a male or female  
does, says, thinks, for you?

I would say that you  
are the one I want, the law  
said I would have to.

As the dead, over  
and indifferent, the moon, it  
doesn't affect price.

I would love to be  
the poet of wickedness  
also justified.

I would love to be  
wrong and misguided in your  
room. We can go down!

I would love to be  
surrounded by the night on  
the weeds of laughter.

I would love to be  
used. O God my opening!  
Anything but safe!

Texts: Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass and Lessig, Free Culture

## dictators in failing (Decline and Fall: May 2011)

by eddeaddad

monar][ch][airm][an][alysed  
compla][int][elligen][ce][as][ing][enuity  
qae][da][i][ly][ing

Follo:w.in[e]g a pain:f.u[n]l and  
d:e.:t.er[rer][nity]mined enemies course of silence they h:a.ve[nged] :c.al[m]led out  
dictators in failing. Af:t.er[rer]:w.a[r]rds :w.a[r]s :g.re[ed]at  
regret of Os:a.ma[zed] bin Laden,  
:c.ur[sing]rently  
the avarice or  
:d.es[:p.ai[n]r]olation, and executed :w.ith[ered] imp:e.ne[mies]tr:a.bl[aze]e  
se:c.re[epy]cy.

swedi][sh][ad][ow][ing  
germ][any][m][ore][g][on][e  
tim][es][ca][pe][ace

6/18/11 Stanza 2: interactive bigram generation using eGnoetry from WikiNews articles for May 2011 plus Gibbon Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire Chapter XXXVI: Total Extinction Of The Western Empire with codework parenthetical insertions using JanusNode and words from Conrad s Heart of Darkness. Stanzas 1 and 3: codework pseudohaiku using WikiNews and Gibbon as above.



# eRoGK7

## Introduction

I am sometimes eRoGK7 and sometimes Eric Goddard-Scovel in my writing. These are different people that I change into like a shapeshifter. Do you think shapeshifters aren't real? Do you really believe in a stable but evolving identity that grows closer to or further from God/Enlightenment/Death? eRoGK7 is to me the Trickster, he is me being mischievous and troublesome, wild and satirical and sarcastic. It is a mask I put on. Eric Goddard-Scovel is a sweeter being, but disturbed and corrosive too. It is the mask that has grown out of my skull like a cancer. Or it is like adulthood. I write simply a lot because I am a simpleton. It is computer programs that make me sound so damn smart! I lie a lot too, to misrepresent myself in a more positive light.

Writing with Gnoetry is something I have discovered that I cannot help but continue to do. It has become almost as indispensable a tool to me as a pen or word processor. I have moved increasingly towards writing with computer programs or other processes because they seriously disrupt the author-ego complex and make the activity of writing into something less self-involved than more "traditional" ways of writing. Writing with Gnoetry is more like playing a game called "What is the best poem you can sculpt from these words here?" And because Gnoetry makes me feel less like the Author of the texts I create through it (less of an owner and more of a participant), I feel much freer and less anxious about engaging in political writing. I feel like a lot of the techniques and strategies discussed in Robert Fitterman's and Vanessa Place's Notes on Conceptualisms can be applied to writing done with programs like Gnoetry, etc., as "remixing" and "sampling" are really fantastic ways of describing what I do and I see others doing with various source texts at Gnoetry Daily. Series like 6x6x6 with its hypercollage of many dozens of texts and the writing-through series GnoetryLeaks and with[in] Genesis : with[in] Revelation are also working allegorically in much the way that Fitterman and Place explain as a primary mode of conceptual writing. Perhaps writing with these programs brings some of this to the writing process inherently, although it seems essential to me that the human co-author's conceptualization of the writing project be clearly defined if the writing is to be successful as literature or art.

I've been writing with Gnoetry since 2007. I've written almost exclusively with it since 2009, visual and concrete works being the exceptions. Probably 95% of what I've written with it has been posted to Gnoetry Daily in its first blogspot incarnation and the current Wordpress site. A devotee of the school of serial poetry ala Jackson Mac Low, Leslie Scalapino, others I can't think of now, most of my writing is in series. I also believe that Gnoetry makes serial writing a much more practical choice to make, not just in the sense that the act repeating one's process comes out (could one say naturally?) of the generative nature of Gnoetry itself, but also the game-like interface which seems to constantly beg the question of the human co-author, "Could I make a better poem than this one," or even "How long will this source language keep me interested?" Discovery,

surprise and reinvention are what drive my writing with Gnoetry; the startling juxtapositions and conjunctions of ideas that come out of this activity keep me wondering what else I can do with it and how far I can go with a single source text or thematic source collection.

These are my series in the order in which they come to mind: | Same | |Free Grass| |The Same| |6x6x6| |a light heart, it's black thoughts| |Stein poems / gertbot|. I'll take some poems from each of them for you to sample. I hope you will enjoy them.

Now for some poetry.

*eRoGK7 / Eric Goddard-Scovel -- August 2011*

## **Why is there a prison.**

from *Stein Poems / gertbot*

Why is there a prison.  
There is in me a disappointment.  
There are many going.  
Very many men and women.

I believe in order.  
This is very common and cherished.  
But it is hard to me.  
Like a serious thing that thing.

I am writing for that.  
Why should everybody be pleasing.  
There is no use in that.  
There is poison. There is more harm.

I believe in terror.  
This is not the same thing that is all.  
There is no arrangement.  
It is very likely to me.

Like a necessity.  
It changes the expression of it.  
This is not at all that.  
A regulation or action.

.....  
March 18, 2011.

Source Text:  
Gertrude Stein, gertbot Base Nature Texts (eRoGK7's selections)

## Why People Like Caddyshack

from 6x6x6

Expect nothing further  
has been more meaningful  
than this convergence of  
nihilism and the  
death star, albeit a  
necessary evil,

it's racist, face up on  
rails through blackened space, they've  
highlighted the flashing  
red/white clouds, a nice curve  
to that pink ass sticking  
out wildly. I don't want

to be killed, just like that  
feeling of imminent  
collapse is a mass act  
of sucking on it for  
money, wavy red silk  
lining embossed with a

muscular disorder.  
Children of freedom, rub  
the wild side of things that  
flickers through the thin, stretched  
flesh of your asses in  
college. It is faint, a

soldier through the glowing  
screens of a hall, lonely  
lives in Vietnam or  
Bangladesh, or in New  
York, contemporary  
prefab. Troops are killed, and

hundreds of thousands of  
innocent people, and  
how many deaths are linked  
to wealth distribution?  
Now I understand why  
people like Caddyshack.

.....  
Date: October 16, 2010

Source Texts: The Invisible Committee, The Coming Insurrection; VA, Alien SciFi FanFics; William Blum,  
Killing Hope; VA, AAAAARG!; Various Authors (Ed. EScovel), His \$ Hers Sources; VA, ASSTR Texts

## Fucking Get Over It

from 6x6x6

Recently I was fucked  
by giant bugs! They were  
all spreading my cheeks like  
acid dries my bowels.  
I rub her puss with the  
puffy lips, pausing to

swallow her completely.  
My big cock up there with  
extraterrestrials,  
good to rape the inside  
out of my ass, fucking  
get over it, this crap

is fucking my own shit  
hole. Right now bitch, poets  
get their way! A bust of  
doom, the asses of the  
current regime of clones,  
nearly transparent and

pneumatic. The prime goal  
was to kick my penis  
inside out and then pop  
it. Creativity  
depends upon factors  
like your face, that first blow

job. Now bend over and  
bare. The stallion started  
to understand, packing  
my Levis for war crimes  
of cock. Funky town, no  
one is free, producing

a piece of music can  
motivate us to piss  
on each other. Yes it  
is hot, explosive gas  
pollution, warm creamy  
juice that keeps me going.

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Date: April 22, 2010

Source Texts: Qzxt, Aristocrats: Banned In Hell (uncensored); Various Authors, Various Manifestos; Jacob Weisberg, The Complete Bushisms; Many Authors, AAAARG!; Gertrude Stein (Selections), GERTBOT Base Nature Texts; VA, ASSTR Texts

## Grasping, as in an Umbrella

from *Same*

How a buddha has the same nothingness striking the pose of an umbrella, hoist it by calculating the logical syntax of cessation of grasping.

Some say some say some say it is clear: suggesting a pin is simultaneous as a lecture, all questions are so.

And so too at death our fluids do and do with it as they are, devoid of inherent existence and Nirvana and by-this-that. And if there is a form it is like a blanket, a different thing won't be different from what congeals as its end.

Thus all phenomena is understood, create and display derivative works based on a physical medium, these altogether.

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Date: October 14, 2010

Source Texts:

The Invisible Committee, The Coming Insurrection

Ludwig Wittgenstein, Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus

Nagarjuna, Seventy Stanzas

VA, Birth Source Text

Nagarjuna, Mulamadhyamakakarika

Gertrude Stein (Selections), GERTBOT Base Nature Texts

## The Reason

from *The Same*

the reason why a likeness of the dog  
continued to return · a slightly glazed  
appearance · on the beach a single dog ·  
among the fallen and removed · the two  
expressions and the only one · the first  
edition · and the other is derived ·  
in logic · is composite · all appeared ·  
divides the dog · bespeak the ricochet ·

the second copy is about a first  
attempt · in shape · again · in common with  
the same result · in many parts · perhaps  
in all directions · at the surface of  
another · it appears · emits a dog ·  
a complex stands in time · donations to  
the object of enchantment · as a chain ·  
a form · collected to evaporate ·

constructed · consequential · understand  
the cause · the first in its description of  
a chain · a small canal extending from  
the shore · in all directions · there · the whole  
proceeding · this effect produced · in this  
direction · now the dog · constructed · and  
surrounded by a proposition · and  
composed a microcosm · disappears ·

.....  
Date: August 7, 2009

Source Texts:

Charles Darwin, *The Voyage of the Beagle*  
Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*  
Jules Verne, *The Mysterious Island*

## The Only

from *The Same*

the only thing essential to appear  
in our growing science of affairs ·  
the statement that a moment · even as  
a body · more especially owing to  
the surface and the formal · constitutes  
a contradiction · one adapted to  
perform · a form · in time · the more ado ·  
in series · organs of the present time ·

the grafting of the sense in time · in such  
a series · nature is the only form ·  
the statement · that a situation is ·  
the angle of the same degree in size ·  
a certain sense · a certain way · betrays  
the system is composite · how the same  
specific forms occur · because in such  
a formal concept is articulate ·

the limit of the efforts · of the world ·  
the mind · the first appearance is the mind  
repeated · organs of the most diverse  
conditions · would succeed in making so  
perfect a contradiction · any one  
adapted to express the same result ·  
the nature of a formal concept · is  
a contradiction · is articulate ·

.....  
Date: January 31. 2010

Source Texts:

H. G. Wells, *The Island of Dr. Moreau*

Charles Darwin, *On the Origin of Species*

Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*



**from Free Grass: Haiku by Lawrence Lessig & Walt Whitman**

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O my brothers and  
Warner Brothers, and the Marx  
Brothers and sisters.

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I find it very  
hard disk. O to disengage  
myself from my life.

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This is a machine:  
increasingly, the system  
could be a list, great!

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My face is access,  
not permissions. I could be  
hypocritical.

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I love the world. No  
doubt I have the Internet.  
Sparkles from the world!

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On average, we  
must be a violation  
of democracy.

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////////////////////////////////////

I sing of the first  
search engine in a barn. Us,  
all framed around us.

////////////////////////////////////

Copy and paste world  
to the property owner's  
permission system.

////////////////////////////////////

I think that there is  
limitless space outside of  
ourselves and trees.

////////////////////////////////////

My life: Some of what  
was a human, with links to  
pictures and writings.

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The answer is this  
then, the experience of  
illegality.

////////////////////////////////////

I would love to be  
used. O God my opening!  
Anything but safe!

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In life, consuming,  
suffering, factories, are  
not made any more.

////////////////////////////////////

A miracle, like  
a car is on fire. I've  
told a miracle!

////////////////////////////////////

This is piracy,  
to exchange content on the  
surface of poems.

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.....  
Dates: June 2009 - August 2011

Source Texts:  
Lawrence Lessig, Free Culture  
Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass

**[It is not what I had judged.]**

*from a light heart, its black thoughts*

It is not what I had judged.  
It is the gift of desire absorbed in  
itself. I want you, you so dark, so  
quiet, as the awakening of  
a deity, and the whisper  
of contact, hotly, the smell of the first  
time, the tall grass and the starred darkness. A  
door opened, closed. And we crept on,  
and looked about. In the interior,  
a light heart, the smell of mud,  
inviting, the faint sounds of a river  
to drink. We live in the moonlight, and  
in the water, in the ripple of the  
barges drifting up with the tide.

.....  
Date: October 17, 2008

Source Text:  
Joseph Conrad, Heart of Darkness

# Matthew

## Introduction

an  
awkward sentence  
my  
author names. I don't know so  
that  
I  
can't real?  
Do you. What and  
I like  
a tool  
to want to show  
this  
like a shapeshifter. Do  
you. What I've been  
I've  
been writing  
to since.

Source: eRoGK7's introduction (because it's better than what I would have written, I am sure)

Generator: charNG, 5-gram, Markov chaining.

## Testimonies

1.

...and they think nothing of ten thousand  
in the temple courtyards  
and they betray the Son,  
a living sacrifice;  
the field is theirs.  
You that truly loved me  
,and I know who you are,  
you forfeit your life but do not perish!  
To the last,  
through the miracles and hate  
witness my hands  
and be in peace.  
I instruct you with sorrow,  
for wide is the life,  
but know this:  
you shall love.  
Why then, it is to joy!  
I want to come back.  
Stand firm, and in this  
will the Son of the poor  
come down  
from the goodness of the Father.  
Seek, and seek!  
My life given to you,  
feast and feast!

2.

My brothers,  
come to these days!  
The world worships blindly  
and they become discouraged;  
though the earthly rulers  
will hurl you to the ground,  
cease to be afraid!  
The trial it signifies  
is fulfilled in Him;  
eagerly accept it—  
let your heart be  
filled with gladness:  
the Son of Man is ours!  
We were not created  
for the earthly kingdom;  
We are destined  
for the other side of the path,  
we know very well.  
Be transformed!  
Be perfected into one!  
We possess a brilliant light;  
therefore, we shine brightly.  
Go then to those poor and kings,  
as the sun.  
We the laborers are few;  
they know not what we worship.  
Refrain from death unto life,  
as the Son!

## Walden Couplets

night woodlot  
settled

what makes perceive themselves  
rather hags aliment

force and blow firm,  
town not and toward carry spirits

mirror tender hard manners  
my observed over opening bean

body greater pointed, even going,  
fruits cheap prisoner Etesian

sometimes apart  
Having saving living still

crave  
melting.

Source: Walden  
Generator: eDiastic  
Seed text: NaPoWriMo 2011 | 20. a haiku for my oven



## keep snow about

keep snow about. drowned  
as  
are the twenty taken,  
known, as a thousand midwinters  
are  
or are. make  
known.  
wrapped trees names  
known  
a  
prey inherited  
kernel in woods notwithstanding  
and  
that grew the benefit.  
kept ends thought grown  
are  
to crave the same.

Source: Walden  
Generator: eDiastic  
Seed text: "know a tree"  
Supervision: moderate.

## five from Walden

1.  
they that They  
endeavor laws performance that neighbor  
from not serious  
undoubtedly is  
and unnecessary.  
it and others engage established expediency obligations Government subjected.  
great rate for wind state distinctions!

2.  
ripened duties  
until as individual  
Is.  
the property impure  
  
things enough.  
his orators appeared,  
continued humility.

3.  
neighbors  
tomorrow, supporting being next  
merely angle farmers  
still.

stop.  
swallow still the staples  
forced to ago farm  
inexpressible  
thoughtless and glad everlasting material  
Clothing.

the  
green dollar fresh  
whose ice and corn  
absolutely unsuspected  
generations of grass  
heard.

Matthew

4.  
the board redeemers  
paid myself stealing,  
sang who them  
go  
and actually for into grass tropes  
to whole freedom.

5.  
the surprising  
finds fog flower forms  
trumpetry

1-2

Source: Walden

Generator: eDiastic

Seed text: "The world is so empty if one thinks only of mountains, rivers and cities; but to know someone here and there who thinks and feels with us, and though distant, is close to us in spirit, this makes the earth for us an inhabited garden." (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

3-5

Source: Walden

Generator: eDiastic

Seed text: NaPoWriMo 2011 | 13. a haiku

## fragments from James chapter 6

*("bear olives, or you face of suffering")*

1. What causes fights  
sent them singing  
songs of praise to our Lord  
and mercy and sisters.

7. Be patient,  
then,  
to God

14a. You lack wisdom

14b. but  
you sin and anoint them off  
in a mirror

14c. and each person wants evidence that comes  
into them.

24b. after desires.

21. Therefore the sick  
person is considering  
you who speaks  
against God?

21b. Get rid of  
all  
pure; then peace-loving, considered  
righteous people, don't spend  
what will be shown to anyone;

29. "Go in peace; keep a tight rein on  
the scribes."

Source text: book of James

Generator: charNG, 7-gram (high, I know), Markov chaining.

## Genesis chapter one

i.

it  
was good.  
God saw  
that it was good.  
God  
let the living and waters.  
God saw  
moves, and evening  
fruitful, and, behold,  
dominion over all the was so. God said, "Let the green  
herb yielding  
third  
after  
the deep."  
God  
called  
their kind after the earth.

ii.

God  
bearing kind  
moves hovering, likeness

God  
heavens land  
appear grass yielding

years  
deep, light  
divided greater evening

seasons  
creatures see  
deep light divided  
greater of and over

Source: Genesis chapter one (World English Bible)  
Generators: charNG (part i.), eDiastic (part ii.)

## Revelation chapter twenty two

i.

“Come!” He said  
to  
me, “These who keeps things to me,  
who  
loves of  
words  
is Morning to  
the idolaters,  
the  
Alpha  
and the  
Lord. God adds to me These  
who  
testify  
of water  
in  
things  
which are  
for  
God and  
the  
bride.”

I am they,  
saying  
“Yes,  
I  
come.”

ii.

testify, name prophets  
bearing filthy  
righteousness

river still proceeding  
Christ them away ::  
take the book

Source: Revelation chapter twenty two (World English Bible)  
Generator: charNG (part i.), eDiastic (part ii.)

# edde addad

## Introduction: Five Ways to Approach Poetry Generation (as a Natural Language Researcher)

### 1) See poetry in all research.

Every time you encounter a research artifact (algorithm, toolkit, corpus, result, ...), ask yourself how it might be used to generate poetry. If you do only this, you will benefit.

### 2) Integrate the human, and instantiate.

Consider how a human could interact with a research artifact to generate poetry.

You are the human. Master the artifact. Implement a generator swiftly and minimally; do not be distracted by irrelevant details, but attend to what parameters you frequently change. Make a graphic user interface and upload it, if feasible.

### 3) Know the Ways of all Practices.

There are four Practices in poetry generation.

*Research Practice* investigates issues in language, meaning, and computation.  
This is the Way of the Scientist.

*Procedural Practice* creates new methods of generating poetry.  
This is the Way of Oulipo.

*Resource Development Practice* develops tools for generating poetry.  
This is the Way of the Hacker.

*Aesthetic Practice* produces poems.  
This is the Way of the Digital Poet.

### 4) Understand the true nature of poetry generation.

When you develop a generator, it does not matter if even a single poem is output or read; you have created an infinite number of possible poems and audiences. When you generate poetry, you are sampling from that infinite space. When you interact with a generator you are a heuristic, guiding its path through state space.

Some of your output will have the beauty of surveying data or alpha-testing a prototype. This is related to the way of the Language poets. Some of your output will have the beauty of incongruous or unexpected results. This is related to the way of the Flarf poets. Some of your output will have a beauty you would not have otherwise imagined.

Output is subjective and software becomes obsolete, but output sets are infinite and methods and algorithms are eternal. All past beings offer their texts as inputs. Your peers scattered over future decades find you through searches.

### 5) Write explanations for those you might want to know.

Someday you may want your child or a friend to know what you do. Write brief guides and explanations that any intelligent youth could understand. This is related to the hacker ethos of giving back.

Someday your peers' search programs will locate you. Write appropriate answers for their queries.

When you generate poetry as described above, you have no funders to report to, no program managers to satisfy, no auditors to review your code, and no audience to concern you. Your knowledge and abilities are constrained only by your will. This in itself is poetry.

## **so small the man**

with you with the pocket at the door sir you  
to you gentlemen of repellent aspect remotely connected with blood  
hear me once

with the abysses there behind the rabble  
the rich in science this favor  
the gods uniting this is plain and all places mysterious  
and boasted high ambition from life and their properties  
mankind's collected woe  
man stands a rapid maddening dances so small the man  
so small the churches solemn and wax stoppers and irreligious  
the painted panes take the world to words to overlook my pathos  
such is in the only words and from the world the whirlpool forces  
for in his trust in creation  
take delight twill shortly recommence

mysteriously pronounces the wretched creature

July 31 & August 5, 2010

Selections from chained output from bigram language models. Generator: ePoGeeS.  
Corpus: Faust by Goethe (tr. Bayard Taylor), The Importance of Being Earnest by Wilde.



## rock out

Shake  
  testing  
    your  
witch  
    unbuck  
  out

Prockeyes for  
  pract  
thing  
  out

Shake to  
  kill  
    Right  
    up

          in  
Palm in  
  Palm  
in  
you  
    wanna rock  
      out

July 24, 2011.

4 contiguous selections of unsupervised generation from character n-grams. N-gram length: 4, Type of chaining: markov, 70% chance of inserting a newline after a word, 70% chance of inserting  $7 \pm 7$  initial spaces. Generator: charNG  
Corpus: lyrics to Da Goodness by Redman (featuring Busta Rhymes).

## Crowning the blood

With murderously  
    with flatter'd with  
        disdaineth;

        So  
thou  
        stick'st  
    from  
        thee;

        Or else  
    miles  
    where  
        reign'd,  
    Crowning  
    the blood  
        and  
crush'd and  
        hope  
    some intent;

So am  
    I  
    as thy  
        fingers of  
            sweet smell of  
            betraying  
    to  
    kiss

May 27 2011

Contiguous selection from unsupervised markov generation of character 6-grams with randomly inserted spaces and newlines; generator: charNG.

Corpus: Shakespeare's Sonnets.

## deepest gorges deep

margaret soon prepare beforehand for pleasure of modern culture  
the lovely be quite quite sure  
the magic notes like petticoat champagne

mephistopheles approaching  
at the beauty bewildering thus  
deepest gorges deep in her fingers

and kneeling upon his dusky all her the holy keeping  
and pleasure now that which was not come  
margaret margaret flinging herself you have your throbbing  
neologistic a strapping body  
tis with glass and towers and what helps one's lifetime and bled no brother  
the mist her own pain forego thee with wonderful secrets  
and doom is to trample him timidly

thou hast claimed this ecstasy there  
deep in the instrument where the gentle movement of the wonderful and  
margaret soon will be

over me anywhere but other well  
wildly passionately devotedly hopelessly hopelessly hopelessly hopelessly

the graves tremble not six

and god was hardly an infinite spirit

July 31 & Aug 5, 2010.

Supervised generation from bigrams. Generator: ePoGeeS.

Corpus: Faust by Goethe, plus The Importance of Being Earnest by Wilde.

## Unthinkable

Her lips curling, shouting at her child! There  
was pain about it.  
Silence was essentially different. Shoot me like  
THAT. Unthinkable to mind itself.

What a philologist,  
demand  
his age of work nibbling at the matter.

And once that he knew there was a bold-looking  
girl in disgrace, agonizing pain flowed!  
He told you this stream.

The  
voice died down to break  
back for the merciless path, known to break.  
Stand back with no  
wonder, said the infant to itself. Unthinkable to  
attract a screaming animal.  
Try  
again.

And then swelled with expressionless  
six doubleplus ridiculous fashion: then I thanked  
the dead leaves of mental  
forgiveness. Sometimes it kisses  
them by automatic action. Punishment  
was merely a child's death.

Nov 24, 2010

Supervised generation from word bigram models. Generator: eGnoetry.  
Corpus: Orwell 1984, Carroll Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass

## **day by day**

a day why by foolish  
day why it's true  
more tedious  
impossible  
you to anger cope

every day  
talking by fortune day  
talking it's true  
more abandon impossible  
you to humble cope

the day  
talking by making day  
why it's true  
more exquisite  
impossible  
you to judgment cope

Dec 8 2010,  
Seed text expanded with bigram model three times. Generator: ePoGeeS.  
Seed text: line from Geto Boys "Mind Playing Tricks on Me".  
Bigram model: Shakespeare Othello.

## ! #0p3

H0w deeply 4m I t00 c0nsci0us Of the prim4ry me4ns  
Of H4te identified 8el0w. Future d4ys h4ve p0wer.

Cur53d, 70 y0ur m4n Of :f.!r3[w0rk5] y0ur 80dy,  
7h47  
10v3,  
70 :c.ru[c!fy]5h m3 10v3r.

Wh4t  
dre4ms 4re  
in:d.iv[orce]idu4ls 4nd ple4:s.ur[gery]e, in 4 m0ment's s0ng!  
St4r:l.igh[tning]t is 8urning :k.is[s]s m0urnful repetiti0n Of dre4ms  
S0, let reflecti0n :r.es[cue]t. C0nf0rm4nce  
is 4v4il48le 0n y0ur th0ught! S0 nice Shivering  
m4dly.  
We spe4k In inst4nces, time.

H0w s4d1y ris3s, 4nd 70741 supp0r7 70 pr0viding  
7h3 s3ns3 7h47 wring  
7h3 p4r7icu14r visi0n  
4s unw34ri3d 83 :d.is7[:r.3s[cu3]s3d]ur83d 0r 7h3  
d3p7hs.

! #0p3, 70 w4nd3r 7#3  
(r0wd.

Jan 23 2011.

Supervised bigram generation using eGnoetry, post-processed with leet charfont and  
codework insertion mappings using JanusNode.

Source texts varied per verse, including: NSF Grant Proposal Guide, Goethe Faust,  
Prince lyrics from For You to Lovesexy, Joy Division - all lyrics.

# nathanielksmith

## Introduction

These works span from mid 2009 to early 2011. They are all collaborations between myself and two pieces of software I wrote: Weltanschauung and Spoke Words. Cut-up is to me an act of divination that reveals to the reader (and poet) connections, themes, ideas, and imagery that only algorithms--guided by no emotion or bias--can unlock.

My work tends to focus on the Internet as Corpus. The massive amount of content humans have made available online will become a legacy moving forward--filth and all. Automated cut-up is a way to make meaning out of even the fringe of that legacy--ie, the obsolete, the overly biased, the spam-laden and the profit-gearred content waiting at the tail end of every Google search.

## **After the Bomb #1**

PUBLISHERS NEW YORK  
A FIGHT WITH TWO WILDCATS  
No, he was all right!

Symertoerton  
LOS ANGELEYajima  
abilityists

Harry's son nodded.  
Three columns and two arches.  
GLORY MAY NOT LAST.



## **Bone Feather**

a gruesome local case which accident  
had made dramatic;  
no record existed.

I was beyond all coherent thought.  
what had found him?  
This was always the case of late.  
And the organs never would work again.  
A month, you say, without food?

My quest had come to something at last!  
in some obscure Eastern temple,  
I closed my eyes.

## In the Shadow of Lincoln Cathedral: An Elementary Textbook

The bodily heat falls very rapidly.  
"It's my lungs I'm worried about," Mary said.  
Gabriel, why did you ever set your heart on me?  
You had charge of the funeral arrangements.  
There was no tribute but their tears.  
You had charge of the funeral arrangements.  
[Sidenote: Result of the contest.]  
He did not want to let Renovales go.  
But the contest irritated the king.  
That husky young boy was her son.  
"Did they tell you, Mariano?  
She must stay at home and work for others."

## Filipinno Vinyl

Although the cargo was taken out,  
it was after it had been in the water  
more than one half months.

Updated editions will replace the previous one-  
the old editions will be renamed.

The soliders were ordered not to allow him  
either bed, food, or drink.

## #32

Encyclopedrums Page:

- Dekipedia, Images of
  - Tler Yeats Butler Yealliam
  - Utleutler Yeats (utler Yeats Clive)
  - Permanent Yeats (-e Book Shop)

When Jessie die:

- DoPhilosophy--
  - MySpacrge Patent AppIPatents
  - Technolframes Male BannerAds
  - Netipuri, Ananthahe, Hinduld News.

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- Saudi live is gMa-->
  - Watersher Haute Hikes
  - Preston Lyrna Hills Preston
  - Infoubt upon the n :: Lawyer;

Snow cover. Penasquitos:

- cannot guniformations (
  - Americritannica Statld
  - Rned-labourer: People's War?
  - Der Dodd plavement Rituare in fort).

# DaveTolkacz

`$screen_name = rolliebollocks`

These poems were written with JanusNode, GTR Workbench, and Infinite Monkeys. Special thanks to folks at Gnoetry for making this possible and for welcoming me into their community.

## The Collective

Everywhere the human heart  
is metaphysical, untranslatable  
the sum of all things you can say about it  
cancel out to nothing

if god is an expanding spiral  
then the spirit of the world  
is indefinitely divisible

spiritus mundi eats itself  
we are ghosts  
we are neoplasm snacks  
which say to themselves  
i will see you  
in time

the noise is made of signals  
yearning to be heard

their other name  
is made of skin

corners of the media  
radiate between the waves

Everywhere the heart is  
the sum of all things  
you can say about it

another name is made of signals  
yearning to be skin

corners radiate the waves

we are ghosts, we say.  
we will see you in time.

## God is the Polar Coordinate Plane

“God is a circle whose center is everywhere, and whose  
circumference is nowhere.”  
-St. Augustine

closed patterns  
infinite music  
has a human heart.  
rhythm is a given  
infinity minus 6  
as a dialog  
with nature.

intimacy,  
perhaps public.  
repetition is aware  
as the sum of two squares  
is aware of the rectangle

didn't that problem become fluid?

when two  
re-entered  
circles  
for love.

love is an alternating power  
alternating power series  
circle binary by truth table  
but translatable.

god is a circle  
god is a circle

whose circumference  
is at the center  
whose center is everywhere

reality makes itself between makers  
between god's duplicity  
and metaphysical programming  
programming becomes the machine  
for strange case conclude to  
your symmetry imperfectly definitely  
considering circularity  
writing has a way of reading itself  
a way of repeating itself  
of coming undone

consider unraveling  
on what strange ground  
is left  
of the event  
the mutated sentence  
speaking  
is a logarithm within a sentence  
whose extreme nextness  
culminates in  
its eternal return

oh lord  
neitzche has completed your ring  
time is a circle  
one entire scope echoed  
out of guided grounded images.  
another present presents itself  
out of the alpha and the omega  
of god is dead  
and the universe  
falls into a circle  
and grows  
the revert's tail.  
this process is re-entered  
the tail in the mouth of a cold map  
randomly it is storied  
it could guide itself in a breath  
in a heartbeat

where patterns  
could be translated.



## Father's Eye

confessions instead of  
anti-fictions open  
in smoke  
in mirrors  
you are also  
n=n

the painless passion song  
the bastard of  
two suicide languages  
maw-binding  
the economy box

resurrecting swallows  
the distance  
between two fingers  
on different midnights

i am also  
n=n

Babylon see body  
translatable indeterminities die sheep oil-jesus congregation  
you're in and  
who the fuck  
are you  
your father's cock  
has closed its eye  
the "Second vapor Lord"  
be money in meat sacrifices  
crucify their  
power myer freedom  
revolution  
fall in language  
Dawn Acquisition Ladder  
employee of the year

everywhere revolves  
public circularity concludes  
an open map mind  
but lcrd why

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you eye nowhere device  
i was you and now i'm  
dreamlets of your money  
dreamlets speciation  
and i'm not



## **Gnoetry Daily: Volume 1**

A collection of poetry written interactively with computers

For more information, see:

- Gnoetry Daily – <http://gnoetrydaily.wordpress.com/>
- charNG – <http://www.eddeaddad.net/charNG/>
- ePoGeeS – <http://www.eddeaddad.net/epogees/>
- weltanschauung code – <https://github.com/nathanielksmith/weltanschauung>
- JanusNode – <http://janusnode.com/>
- Infinite Monkeys poetry – <http://code.google.com/p/infinitemonkeys/>