

Variation 14: Here after

After what will happen has happened and is done:

Begin.

Here in the infinity of aftermath,
in the dying echo of the echo
died down, in the dark patch after
the last light flash.

In the pain of knowledge
after the knowledge of pain: In everything.
Every subject rimed with the undeniable
what happened now, however much
denied. No place beyond

its blistered realm, no
time outside its frame.

Every word uttered wrung from it.

Every gesture touched with it, every
expression visibly limned with its brine.

In the quickened heart of its doneness,
in the radius of its eternal dissolve.

Never the dispelled ever the dispelling.
Regardless of giving up, forever the given.

Irrelevant to forgetting.

Henceforth, no or

yes, the vast, vast after

Inescapable atmospheric
overpopulated prehistoric continent of afterness.

Useless regret for, no return to, untenable
grieving over, unattainable relief from
the irretrievable unrelivable *before*.

Happened happened happened. But after, after - !

Begin. In the life hereafter, in the long obsessive
moment after the moment after after after

what would happen did happen and is done.