## Kome's Story

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for auntie nagasaki

it's the same story told again & again

the modulations & the machinations

the maudlin & the dream

schemes & data a million documents

& a single story kome's

she said she moved into her house

her dream house on december 6th

fell into a deep sleep stirred the dream

to wake to war

& the splitting apart

her son

sent off to petawawa

barbed wire

her husband to tête jaune

herself to

greenwood

green wood?

ghost town?

new names her memory

& the train (later

to montreal "the commission

said there'd be jobs there"

5 days 4 nights

sitting & sleeping in the coach

dreaming of the coast

the french tongue the english tongue

words & words

O canada