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