

*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