

Changgui / 창귀

*In Korean folklore, a changgui is the ghost of a man killed by a tiger, who must bring the tiger a new victim in order to die completely.

To be the slave of an animal.

A wet slick of blood, saturating the dirt.

Purple viscera slick and slippery between bladed jaws.

Death held carefully on a sandpaper tongue.

Your blood will saturate the dirt.

Half-digested meal blooming from a ripe stomach like a split dumpling.

The beast will hold your death carefully, on a sandpaper tongue.

The debt only just begun.

Half-digested meal will blossom from your sundered belly.

Become nothing. a grotesque creature.

Your debt will have only just begun.

The last smear of life scraped between bladed jaws.

You will become nothing, a grotesque creature like me.

Know nothing but the master, the beast,

Your last smear of life between its bladed jaws.

Come here.

You will know nothing but your master the beast.

In the spill of limbs a new cycle.

You will come here.

Hear my song.

In the spill of your limbs I read the new cycle.

In a slit throat I hold the carol to call you close

When your skull cracks between the prison jaws, I shall slip away

In your dead eyes the waning moon.