

Meaning From Shape: Mentor Text "Obligations 2" by Layli Long Soldier

## **Obligations 2**

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As we

embrace resist

the future the present the past

we work we struggle we begin we fail

to understand to find to unbraid to accept to question

the grief the grief the grief

we shift we wield we bury

into light as ash

across our faces



## Meaning From Shape: Mentor Text "XLV" by e.e. cummings

## XLV you in win ter who sit dying thinking huddled behind dir ty glass mind muddled and cuddled by dreams(or some times vacantly gazing through un washed panes into a crisp todo of murdering uncouth faces which pass rap idly with their breaths.)"people are walking deaths in this season" think "finality lives up on them a little more openly than usual hither, thither who briskly busily carry the as tonishing & spontaneous & difficult ugliness of themselves with a more incisive simplicity a more intensively brutal futility"And sit huddling dumbly behind three or two partly tran sparent panes which by some loveless trick sepa rate one stilled unmoving mind from a hun dred doomed hurrying brains(by twos or threes which fiercely rapidly pass with their breaths) in win ter you think, die slow ly "toc tic" as i have seen trees(in whose black bod ies leaves



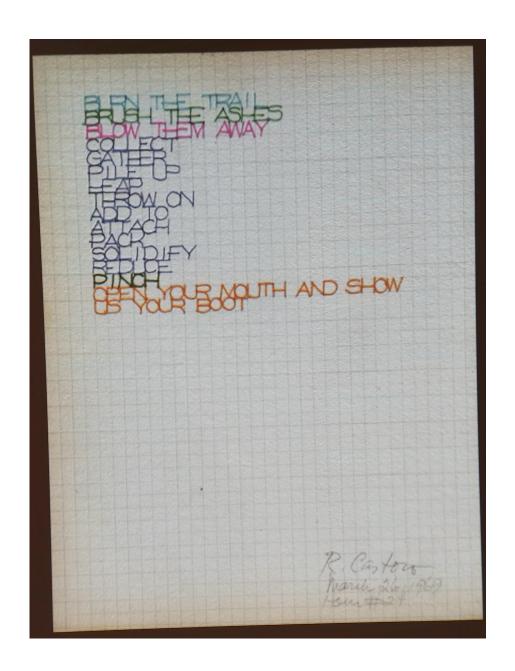
## Meaning From Shape: Mentor Text "The Sky Was" by e.e. cummings

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