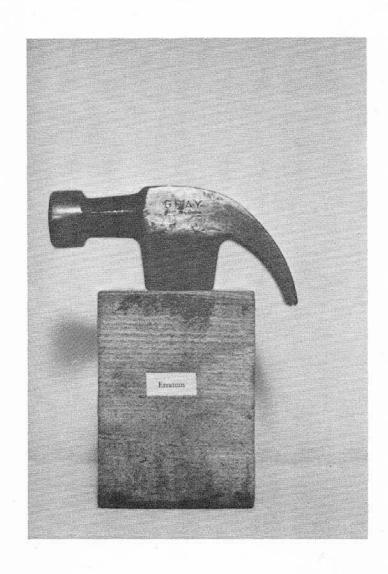
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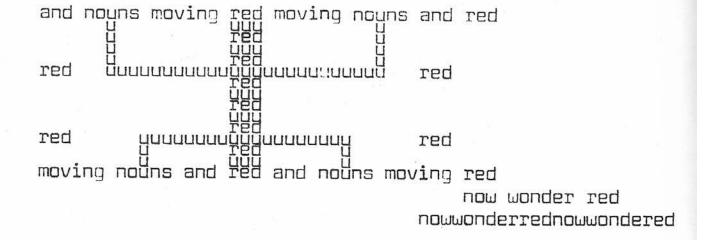
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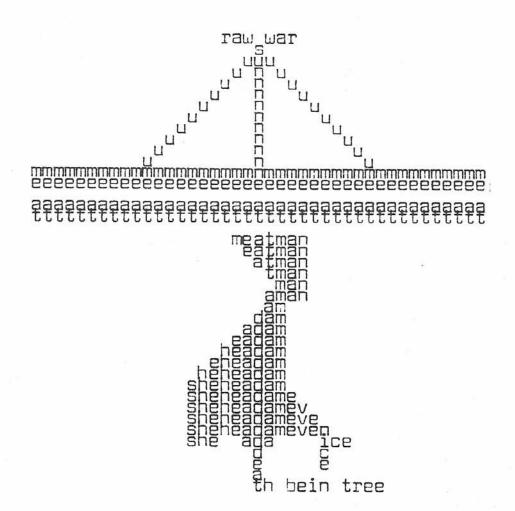
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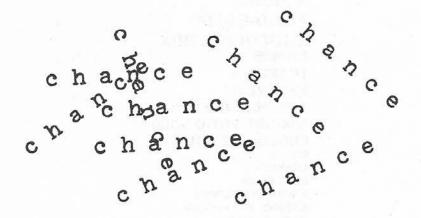
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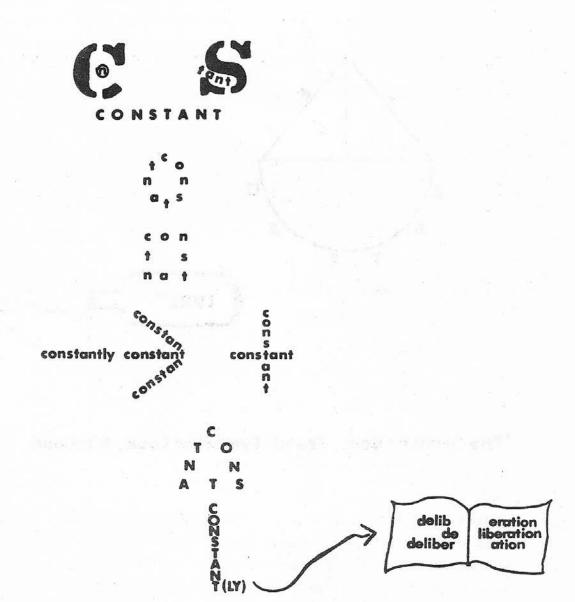
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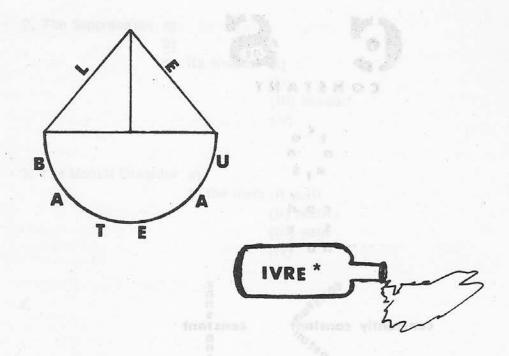
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*The Drunken Boat, French Symbolist Book, Rimbaud

"Ah, my friends, what revolutions, what upheavals there will be when it is shown by our science that all pangs and passions, all the sighs and sorrows, the very ecstasy and agony of our love is no more than a casual convocation of molecules, the brief rendezvous of certain atoms on a particular afternoon . . . "

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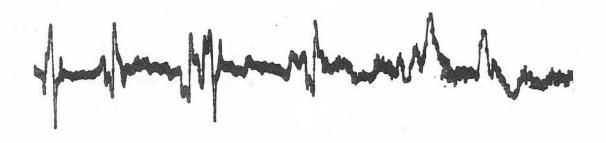
1. SINUS RHYTHM

("The Tranquil Heart")

Adagio, muted strings, solitude, somnolence and pellucid skies. A season of drowsy afternoons and uneventful nights. The heart hums quietly like a motor idling out of gear: the great wheels of passion are standing still, their silvery spokes glistening sadly with the cobwebs of leisurely time. A torpor prevails: love is but a noun with vague connotations, an unverified rumor, a distant dream. The slow, monotonously ticking heart is like an old-fashioned grandfather-clock moving its gleaming springs and cylinders with imperceptible slowness through the endless idle hours of a golden summer day.

2. PAROXYSMAL TACHYCARDIA

("The Incandescent Heart")



Allegro con brio: trumpet-call and timpani; a fresh breeze from the sea. Doors open, windows shatter. Time expands and widens like two slowly opening thighs. A lip, a hip, a strand of hair—all are harbingers of bliss; a sight, a sound, a nestling hand—all evoke tumults and syncopations of the heart; a kiss reverberates in its hollow chambers like an underground detonation. In its radiant joy, at the very height of exultation the heart throws a few extravagant somersaults, shooting out a warm fountain of blood that crimsons the moist islands of the body's southern delta.

#3. VENTRICULAR FLUTTER

("The Quivering Heart")



Pizzicato: a canker, a wound has been inflicted on the heart (a slight, a neglect, a rejection, a rival?). At the thought of this (and how can there be any thought but this?) the heart bleeds like a skinned rabbit. As the poisonous sting sinks deeper and deeper into its soft flesh the great wave of passion abates, subdued, reduced to trivial rages, 'scenes', petty recriminations; tremor, insomnia, nightsweats occur. The heart stands trembling like a condemned man in his nightshirt watching from afar how the executioner sharpens the knife of the guillotine.

4. CARDIAC ARREST

("The Broken Heart")

Finale: all is over. The great conflagration is smothered, snuffed out like a candle, leaving only the musty odor of cold ashes: zero-reading; null-point; permanent diastole; total eclipse of the loved one. The gates of passion begin to close again—softly, silently as on electronic hinges. Numbness sets in: a glassy feeling in which the memory of the beloved is trapped like a colorful beetle in a shimmering bead of resin. Nothing is left of the great exultation: the magnificent tide has receded leaving no more than a few letters, a ticket-stub, a photo or article of clothing. These now become the sad reliquaries of a shrine to which the broken heart makes its last act of obeisance.

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