PRELUDE

down here
I lose myself
in thought

the pipes
are empty, no
water, no music,
thank God,
and silence curls from them
like smoke.

there's something in here

unless it’s just the
slippery hiss, the ‘pssst’
of the dusty Footman
looming from the Drumian mist

unless it’s the
pipes shushing,
grasping upward
for the light

like arms
from under a bed…

voices enter
voices echo in my head,
and in thought down here
(drown here)
I lose
my self

FUGUE

Hello  I am  all my own  when did I  this  audience  if only
They could see  me  now  I’d be  more  they’d say

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Hello  And  I am  all my own  when did I  get old  this  audience  if only
They could see  me  now  I’d be  no more  than
I’m everything

That through  we  k  I finally  but  still not

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That's all  still  c
Hello  I am  all my own  when did I  this  audience  if only
It's important but I'm a trick where but ks
That could see now I'd be no more than they'd say

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Would be done Sundays I out letters how harming: age I wanted
That's all still on get old c finally but still not knows me I'm everything
Please tell me we go with this is it a we get anyway
It's important but I'm a trick we get where but ks
That through we k no than

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It's growing too much and it piles wrenching more time
Would be done Sundays I out letters how harming: age I wanted
That's all still c n finally but still not not long now, can you
Close draws here and it scratches its memoirs quickly, going round
Please tell me we go is this it breaking down back to dust
It's important but I'm trick ed where else but here believe
the drain of a tub, fingernails on porcelain, it's ending and it whips
And it sucks and gurgles
And it spins
Right up until
the theme is forgotten
and the song distends,
like a soap bubble growing
like spacetime between
two black holes
inspiraling
rainbow-lashed
too gauzy to reflect
a portrait of anything
but impending cataclysm,
speed, a frenzy
formal dis
solution,
a circus clown
and at the moment
of orgasm the
thing ends with a
chirrup
wakes, rings down, remembers:

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