

AS IT FOLLOWS

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I.

the wing by a stone
in-road or rail corrected
by a string of tile
in confidence or a loose
federation at the joint

II.

the body keeps holds
motionless during flight still
and symmetrical
prints of the thumb on the throat
paired with shallow caves in rock

III.

a rise in the mind
before the tide re-records
the track already
written over the fossiled
train the bird follows behind

IV.

in line with the smoke
the painting obscures with plays
of shadow and light
an archaeological
grant economy of scale

V.

such a wing brought up
in stone a road cannot be
expected to go
or arrive just in the mind
at the site as it was cleared