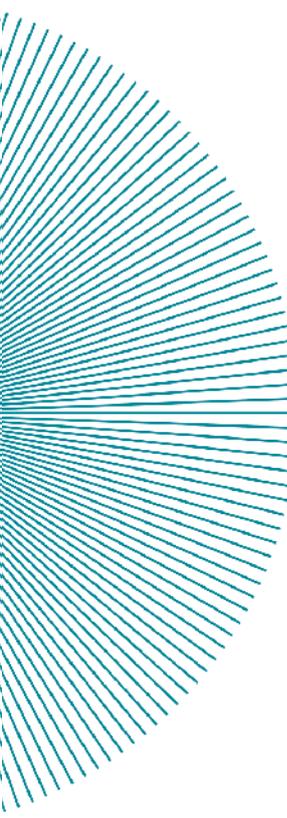


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# DEAR ALGORITHM:



Sensitivity is and isn't an extreme sport  
or that's what the thousand aphorisms tacked on your door  
the pictures of dogs and flowers  
the plated bodies and their shadows  
the poemsplaining on your mug suggest  
a different reality before we all roll over and die  
unprojected on the retina,  
    yet there will still be clouds.

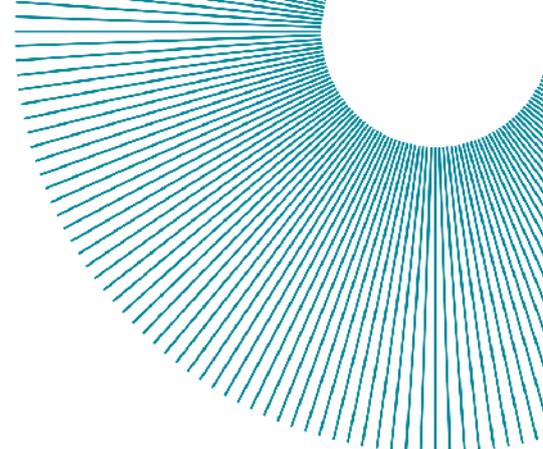
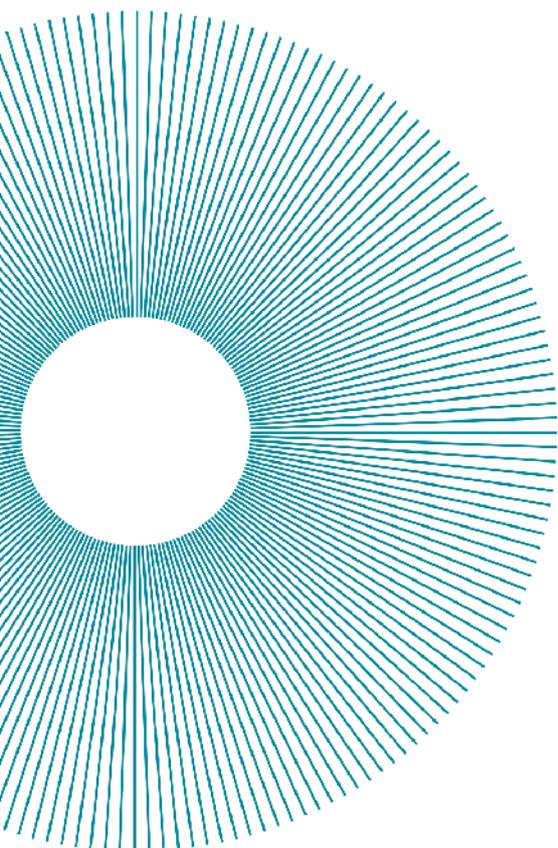
Dear algorithm:  
logged on almost twenty years ago  
with that mortifying email address  
the extasy of bleeding out a life of no excess  
speeding past the word and tongue count  
awaiting a tribe that speaks the same language,  
    yet we still have clouds.

Dear algorithm:  
the cloud is full  
it must all be erased  
and I'm afraid  
of losing my identity.

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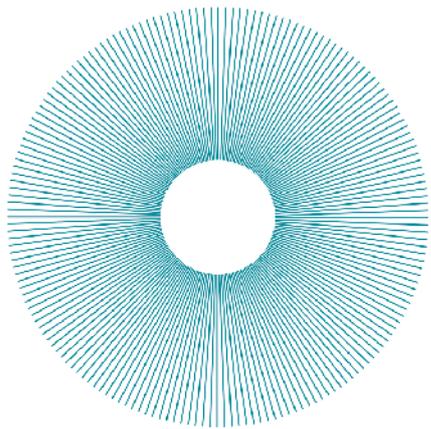
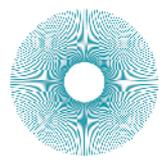


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## I. CONSPIRANOIA

- >nobody knows it and no one can find out
- >u type it all up commas in place
- >they can't find out
- >so u create a profile and write
- >how after ur regression u came upon
- >ur Pleiadean origins
- >proclaim urself a Xentinel a guardian
- >investigator of shrouded truths
- >450 users interact with ur blog
- >let them know reptilians
- >stand behind ur shadow steps
- >rather than find out
- >ur just a cat
- >who can cook up
- >a mean creepypasta

## II. SAND



Every night  
the constant dreaming  
of vicious battles.  
Light in an empty room.  
Sign up. Log in. Select an avatar.  
U stand out in the mesh of users  
u've downloaded a skin  
that's newer than theirs  
permitting new encounters  
a ticket to the party  
but when u search ur list  
for that username  
just one more time  
it shows:  
Last seen 2027 days ago.

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