

# Ethnogy Journal, Thailand 1999

but the rain fate  
some kind of inner magnet  
wet and long and alien  
Asian road with clouds  
guiding the electrical stove  
stuff brought time  
the uniform of school  
can hardly comply  
with the geography  
that guides these democratic  
souls to accommodate pattern  
keeps falling into the same old  
deep hole in the sidewalk

Wed Jan 12 Samui raining/cool  
(I feel uneasy, hesitant. Today  
I will shoot nothing but green.)

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as well. happy. at  
the sunshine, and coasted  
into the whole leaf  
waving, pea-pod green  
perfect shells my large  
emotional agenda a giveaway  
dark so soon, friction  
not just sand  
seek the one seat  
next wave  
to sit on

Friday Jan 15 Samui mixed/warm  
(Yesterday six people scattered  
around the island.)

P o e m

rouṭine trip out  
potential for a squall  
from the tailgate of song tow  
feet cemented on the right  
facing traffic almost left behind  
scope of variation  
sources tapped  
dialogue with plan  
round trip  
revving past the neon  
sign for healing child  
needs to grin

Sat Jan 16 20's/Rainy/Cloudy  
(These words are just notes.  
But up close lots of blond farang girls  
with packs.)

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world daily sculpted  
to a coast, song tow  
periphery each departmental thought  
a coherence of flow files  
called "home" check agenda  
cut grass, motor's  
trying to teach me something  
if I could find a shadow  
as a way to record  
the floor tiles—tape this  
moment, how much  
does that Honda Wave cost?

Sunday Jan 24 Sunny/breeze  
(Beautiful day. Took bike back.)

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some carrier of an anecdotal jet  
like that coffee shop  
food as photo  
just a monk  
saffron  
the sentence  
as a tunnel of love  
the intention is to put the words  
together and make them thicker

Thurs Jan 28  
(The man said he was hard to dry.  
You can enjoy the "presentness"  
of looking up though an evergreen  
jungle canopy.)

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Fist to close the circle  
of one-way streets "downtown"  
cycles rev and spit through this attic  
of curios and cottons  
tourist shops America  
blue for instance  
that kickstand scraping  
alphabet a mere "sea-green"  
conditions of a Chinese-Belgian  
choice on the street menu  
"Noodle Pour Down with  
Strong Soup Vegetable"  
some bias in each record  
of the day.

Thurs Jan 28  
(Butterfly mobiles of coral. Ex-pat  
Irishman with German experience  
owns mangostina farm just 40k from here.)