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## Fred Wah

## TRANSLATING TRANSLATING APPOLLINAIRE vis-à-vis bp

SOLEIL

the sun rolls off my back cou coupe the snow falls into the world cold

> put yr boots on an yr toque wax wing's brittle

## older

into the world a little

leaf from the sky

sky

from the sky



## OPENING UP TO YOU

baby I thought we'd dance across the floor always try to keep available they say those others the ones with perfume in the Massachusetts air behind<sup>2</sup>them (imagine it will you I say lets go and then I can't but you, you're gone on a sea of smell puffed out in front of yourself spinnaker making for the "new" world.

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got those sorrel leaves in mouth taste of rock as root deep down underneath as mineral water brought to leaf huge mirrors that glass the colour, silver remembering a place east of yourself

(old lakes)

the memory view is one after another glacial rivers milk as sorrel outwash green leaf sediment eyes horizon mount saint helen's hair and taste of years to surface

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Caught looking. Throat thinking. Things feeling out three numbers when it all goes, sits whenever you look for it, open the door, or up by the creek, Cottonwood Creek, the sluice things remember terms how many not years except all those other things (I mean items intact) exactly as years the branch off a maple for a new bow, twigs and seasons memory of western Kootenays numbers all stuck at the moment when the whole hillside town and lifetime work people looking makes not sense but simply awareness and surprise spring.

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Relation speaks. Tree talks hierarchy loop subject returns. Knowledge a bag of things to be changed later to knowledge. Statement of instructions horoscope Kenkyusha language read reading out of order in order it speaks to itself so that the feed picked up lists things and complete branches/worlds end there.

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Your hands are so old. Numbers 43 23 82 looking ahead. Numbers out of our new year now you. Complete age. Held so often sitting beside you on a sofa, on a bus, in a boat on a lake on a beach on a hot afternoon. Hands so old. The "inging" of a life like an arrow. Flesh counts. Numbs our eyes and hair grows on our bodies year to year out of age only. We love us. Your hands old.

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TWO LICKS AT "a" -9

remembered lots singled a late colour fall truth (on the mountainside) now know the other side so that parts, pieces, regions, or ones  $\cdot_i$  from here to there, or there nothing ranges far enough or is equal to, say, death essentially always a choice at love one exchanges part of it's memory the real body forming the pieces from thought's ideas names names, fixed the heart, "a lip's change produces" at the core thinking, thinking to see a place, and in part dig into it perched in the eye splendid effects considerations (landscapes) the thing itself

