

Scenes from a Documentary

1. *Ursus maritimus* (Polar Bear)

A clash of icebergs $\triangle \square \diamond \triangleright \triangleleft \diamond \square \nabla$ strewn on the frozen shore.

The wind and the wandering animal ~ are dreamt

by the blinding ~ drifts of snow.

She haunts the fault lines $\wedge \approx \wedge$ where currents fracture pack ice.

Where gluts of seals $\curvearrowright \uparrow \curvearrowleft$ gush up

and slap $\curvearrowright \Upsilon \curvearrowleft$ the cold like mud.

She claws a hole \circ in the permafrost \bullet and \bullet entombs \bullet herself.

Inside the fevered den she turns $\bullet \frown \smile \bullet$ like a trapped compulsive.

Tends the newborn cub \bullet like a raw wound.

2. *Arachnocampa luminosa* (Glow Worm)

Inside this buried space ★ the stars are cannibals.

The cave drips ◆ with the secrets

of their grave hunger.

So far beneath ground ▼ sky should be meaningless.

Yet this black of dank rock

gloams with its own ✧ ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨ infernal galaxy.

A mosquito births onto the surface ● of a still pool.

The glitter of night provides direction

with pinpoints of light { | | | } that drool.

3. *Chelonia mydas* (Sea Turtle)

It is an orgy of waste and emptying ○○○○

this spilling of herself for hours into sand.

Afterwards she melts √ into the sea.

They awaken from a dream of yolk and albumen

into ∴ suffocating ∴ graininess.

Sense the glamour of vastness ∞ and its ease.

They clamour for the mere chance of it.

In reckless flight they reach this ≈ buoyancy ≈

rich with floating wilds ξ∂θζ of sargassum.

4. *Apteryx australis* (Southern Brown Kiwi)

Come night \mathbb{C} it re-assembles itself

like a cluster $\ni \wedge \vee \ni$ of bewitched sticks.

Scuttles mulch with its tactless beak.

It finds a dusty and wingless ghost of itself.

They fuss about $\swarrow \times \downarrow \times \searrow$ until they unearth

a future \mathcal{E} in camouflage and blindness.

The egg soaks \cup in \cap the moon's pallor

while the birds probe the \mathcal{R} rich thickets \mathcal{R} of smells

that night again exhumes for them.