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PIECES

Why say to them
truth is confounded with opposition,
or that—or that what is
were a happiness.

Simple, to be said, a life
is nothing more than itself,
and all the bodies together
are, one by one, the measure.

Life like you
think you have
it till it isn't

—but is, inevitably—
behind the scene.

I want to sing.
What makes it
impossible—so

that one lifts
that dead bulk
with such insistent energy?

Peace, brother, to all of it,
in all senses, in all places,
in every way, in all
senses, in all places, in
every way.