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erroneous republic  
    wondering the way  
        through the tune

this morning blues all around  
    my bed

Blind Lemon Jefferson: *I want to cross the river of jordan in my heart*  
*jordans never stay crossed*

    The timing kind of cracked  
neither to the horse nor the metronome

to the weaving water & dust

PURE religion Jesus gonna be my engineer

Which is the test not the testimony of your  
                                    yes/no

    for the good of the whole bodie;  
    as the office of the eie is to see,  
    the eare to heare, and the foot to goe

walke while ye have light:  
    and againe, I must doe  
his worke while it is day

walke worthy  
walke worthy

between the vespers of history

We bring the rolling ink position not  
the interstate speed but the hunt and peck  
and peck and gathering wander economy

I gather you mean I assume you mean  
I weave the nation into the sense of  
closure not rich enough never rich

of thoreau's false etymologies:  
*sans terre ... the secret of successful sauntering*  
without cracks not lachrymose

clear-eyed and whole gathering speed  
in love with the paradox of moving  
of the city *à pied* to find  
good songs variations  
so as to perform  
the duty

*and what I have been preparing to say  
is, that in Wildness is the preservation  
of the World.*

