

SOLAR WIND

OUR UV4000 SUNGLASSES HAVE BEGUN TO RUST-
FINAL UNDOINGS OF OUR DISTANT WORLD
THEY WERE ONCE SLEEK AND BRIGHT AND METALLIC
AND NOW CRUSTING OVER - A NEW SALT SKIN

WHEN THE OCEANS WERE LOST TO SPACE
CARRIED AWAY OVER TIME
BY SOLAR WINDS UPWARDS OF 500KMPH
WE REMEMBER WHEN DISTANT WATERS SEEMED
IN LIGHT TO BE SALT
AND HOW WARM THAT MEMORY IS
BUT LIGHT HAS FORCE
AND SOLAR WIND RIGGED EARTHS' SAIL
ELECTRIC OSCILLATIONS AT GROUND LEVEL,
MAGNETIC WAVES CRASHING ALONG ITS FIELD LINES,
STREAMING PLASMA AND PARTICLES FROM THE SUN
OUT INTO SPACE

THOUGH THE WIND IS CONSTANT, ITS PROPERTIES ARE NOT.
LIKE THAT SHELL IN YOUR TOOTH-
CALCIUM PHOSPHATE FILLING
FUTURE BONE ARTEFACT
GAPS AND FISSURES ARE PLUGGED WITH MINERAL
LIKE MEMORY, PRESERVING
(BUT EROSION SET IN FAR EARLIER ON)

-AND THERE'S A NEWER SKIN NOW
A STRATUM OF SALT OVER 500 FEET THICK
SALTING THE EARTH BEHIND US
BELLOW US
BESIDE US
SALT WALLS, SALT FLOORS, SALT ROOFS-
SALT DWELLING.
WHAT IS WARM WOOD, BRASS, COPPER?
WE KNOW ONLY SODIUM CHLORIDE

TO THINK IT WAS FLOWING THROUGH US-
IT WAS FLOWING THROUGH US
REGULATING BLOODS, BINDING OUR CELLS
THE MASS WAS SURPRISING-
200 GRAMS ALL THIS TIME
(0.4 PERCENT OF OUR BODIES WEIGHT)

