

only a syllable

voice

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only a syllable

for voice

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For Tatiana Bogomolova.

the practice:

I am learning to live close to the lives of my friends without ever seeing them.

(Following John Muir in his own words, 106, p. 22)

“Nothing goes unrecorded. Every word of leaf and snowflake and particle of dew... as well as earthquake and avalanche, is written down in Nature’s Book.”

(John Muir in his own words. A Book of Quotations)

Could mortal lip divine
The undeveloped Freight
Of a delivered syllable
'Twould crumble with the weight

(Emily Dickinson)

spending some time

with the poem (p. 1, 3)

for example,

- inner, mute reading – or
- reflecting on the poem – or
- writing the poem – or
- whispering single syllables – or
- humming – or
-

durations:

●: rather short

○: long(er)

opening the windows and / or the doors.

welcoming the architectural, social and sonic specifics of the site.

welcoming all noises from inside as well as from outside.

*spending some time
with the poem*

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 could mor - tal lip di - vine

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 the un - de - vel - oped freight

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 of a de - liv - ered syl - la - ble

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 'twould crum - ble with the weight

*spending some time
with the poem*