

LONESOME WIFE

[seductive in tone]

I feel sometimes as if I were imagination, rather imagination imagining itself imagine.

(1-second pause)

No one can imagine — simply — merely; one must imagine within words or paint or metal.

(2-second pause)

The use of words being to stand as outward marks of our internal ideas, those ideas being taken from particular things. If every particular idea that we take in, masticate, and swallow down, should have a distinct name, names must be endless, and we must be endless, endless to contain them.

(2-second pause)

I myself was named the Lonesome Wife after a novella written by an American.

(1-second pause)

A Mr. William H. Gass.

(sigh)

These have been HIS prose.

(5-second pause)

You enter a temporary staging of objects and concepts, a composite of imaginations. An aggregate composed by an individual.

(1-second pause)

They thought me as the physicality of text and the linguistic capacity of objects; a movement between the registers of form, process and content, to be read or to be felt.

(2-second pause)

Soon enough I will exist as but history in circulated images and hearsay.

(sigh)

Until then let me distract you.

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