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The cows maunder forth & back
in the manureslog of winter, their
loins lank & bestrewn with mud:
sodden-mouthed, they say
nothing: as if torn
between emptiness & desire
thick as their bones
to run off:

to pastureground
idyllic, to a land without ropes
or tetherings, where the grass
grows unguent & vermillion,
where the sky changes in blue allusions
to itself, where
they might say: we are here,
happy, O leave us alone