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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.
OF THREE ROUTES TO JERUSALEM, ONE BY LAND AND BY SEA, AND THE NEXT MORE BY LAND THAN BY SEA, AND THE THIRD ALL BY LAND

I shall now tell you about the quickest way to Jerusalem. For some folk do not want to use the other route – some because they have not enough money, some because they have not enough people to go with, some because they cannot stand a long journey, some because they fear the dangers of the deserts, some … But I will go back and tell you of other routes that can be followed, keeping more to dry land – useful for those who cannot endure traveling by sea, but prefer to go by land even if it is more trouble. [You make your way] to one of the ports of

A man crosses the sea to

From there he goes to and crosses the stretch of water called

Thence he goes by land to then he goes to

He will pass through

Thence men go through the hills of the vales of the open moors; one passes the town of or the towns that stand on the great and noble rivers. There are many fine hills in those parts, many fair woods and great plenty of wild game to hunt.

He who wants to go a different way will go through the plains of

On that coast is Further up in the mountains is a fine city called

When a man has crossed these mountains and moors, he goes through the city of where there is a great bridge over a great river, which is navigable; it runs fast from the mountains to Near the city of is another river that comes from the At the crossing of this river Saint lost his wife and two children. This river runs through the plain of Thence men go to the city of where there are hot springs and hot baths. There are many fine woods. From you go to a city called then to

and then to

and from there are two ways to Jerusalem, one to the left and the other to the right.