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UNINSTALLED

(Erasure poems from Celines' *Death on the Installment Plan*)

for Reg Johanson

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again...I
niche...Hell!
moving...I'm
while...There's

around...Down
from...I

...I
far...Maybe
...I'm out...I'm
good...I'm in...So
I'll Meanwhile...I
try...I back...There's
all...This
a thing...Just
...Slowly station...I wrap

overcoat...I don't
...I slide walls... I don't soul...
The open...good deal...I stretch
bench...There's a
near...I'm doing fine...I'm in the dark...The
first at five...I haven't
damn thing...It was
...To hell without it...I don't
there...it can't be done...the one
Scarce ...I sit up
awake...I'm
train...I'm board...
I lie there...

water
now...It's
now...I
move...
me...not
myself
recognise me
the bed

My folks seem pleased
see me...They

point...they
They were
ries...in the
deal...their ... appearance

scenario...
private wor-

42

part of my sleep
temperature

union blackmail

single word in

brick shithouse

Nothing doing.
on the ground ...
... ..
...

various noises

He must be alone

end! An arpeggio
perking up

next, sharp, cutting, bleeding in the light, streets blue, red,
buffeting the current

take little liberties

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We'd drink

the horde of lunatics

those feverish
cussing us out

humiliate me
out of a clear sky
I'll have to teach you something about
ellipses
one thing
solitary

little louse...

to ask you about the Zodiac and its signs?

head in both hands

such revelation

couldn't stand it another

minute

down to more pressing

annotate

' ...
, ' ab-
solutely divine ...
throbbing tits ... '
sheathed in an airy negligee ... '
sobbing ... ,
... '
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... '
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