

## UNIVERSAL JENNY

### Now I Will Write Using Words of the Left

Now I will write using words of the left  
Because they are very nice words  
I found them on a site  
A word which means place

First lesson  
Insurrection, four states, transmit  
Collective memory, don't talk to me about work, don't  
The Afghan died, publishing houses, analytically  
Giorgio Agamben, psychiatric hospital right until the end, share this  
Unfounded and therefore left behind, unwooded, Texas  
Inequality, logic, dynamics  
Adjustment

Second lesson  
Overflowing, state of precarity, I offer my help  
Too much blubbing going on  
Margin, centre, in the open, or open-endedness, or even outdoors  
Applied use  
Over-determining left hegemony

Fortunately

I am not putting together a third lesson

You sound enigmatic, you wrote  
The oppressed often seem enigmatic, I wrote back,  
Like my garbage floating in the oceans of others

## Poem to be Recited at Protest Rallies When Riot Police is Twenty Meters Away

I am ready to think  
I am ready to clash

Tell me which language you speak  
Tell which abyss you can bear  
I know why I am here  
I am because I hate you

I am not being contentious  
I am not saying this on purpose  
I am not challenging you  
That is not my intention

You will hit me  
You will hit me  
You will hit me

I do not hate you for that

I hate you because  
You are simultaneously master and slave-girl  
You are full of the teeth I am missing  
You believe in the right of the fittest  
And when that does not exist you make it up

Com forward come on  
Shut my mouth

Smash my face without remorse  
Bend me shatter me make me  
You can do it you can do it you can do it

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