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# Aggarwal: Marlene Dietrich 2007

MARLENE DIETRICH 2007

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## (FLIPBOOK SHUFFLE)

between us	this is no place for a sofa	flip of cards
		under
	this hairy cushion is removable	
	it's just a glove	the thumb
		I want to say: it's love but something's
	slack and humid Darling,	
	I'm becoming human and everyone applauds	struck dumb
		in me, some dirt
		beneath the fingers
		flipping midair,
	when I finally pull off the stuffed head of the beast and heave	
it at your feet, it's just a shame	I'm not starved for luck or pain because beneath the gorilla suit	only to arrive later—limbs shameless, hinged
	erupts a voluptuous blonde	always turning over another leaf
	crooning a voodoo lullaby	always crying wolf or sheep,

so *far-gone*  
I can repeat as in please, oh, please  
the words endlessly  
I can shine through let me  
this guttering song rearrange her and remember to

Shhh! now turn off those eyes  
Can't you hear it?  
once, twice  
a voice over and under  
*noise* always be a stranger—