



trickster poetics:

a presentation

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language is a playground.  
and poetry is play.

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# main objectives:

- shift

trickster poetics is a practice  
of unknowing and lives in the  
spaces betwixt:

- a staircase
- a bridge
- a waterfall

here here is a river river

more objectives:

- to heal rifts
- to subvert vertical bounds and free the horizon
- to prevent rust
- to study dust
- to translate glass back into sand



trickster poetics is a space  
where plates shatter inside me  
and i dissolve

in the fleet-footed hour of our  
unbecoming, i am married to  
marigold

i leap off waterlilies

a rainbow sprints across  
the mist—  
it springs, flits and tiptoes

azaleas spill from my lips

i sound like the carnal, caustic  
acoustics of a hollow abdomen  
in this vessel of stretched  
alligator skin

When GOD breathed me out,  
they feathered me with heads  
and now i'm a windmill

i am whirling



when i worked at a preschool,  
a child completed a puzzle  
containing each letter of the  
alphabet and he slammed it  
on the table and each letter  
scattered

o children, extinguish my  
alphabet