

[cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo]

What do you do?

In July far far I fly

In these pages the Cuckoo is a clock, a pendulum; only irregular, wild, responsive: a *visitor* - as we all are dear reader, and we must not forget.

It is the sixteenth of July in the year two thousand and twenty six CE.

The night sky is moonless & black with stars, black as the hare Bipalium's eyes; dark as the future.

Lone goose, and silent.

Flock away to gather

Of ourselves; from world.

The future is dark, which is the best thing the future can be, I think", Virginia Woolf (1915)

If the Church's history is its stone.
Convenient excavation-
to hollow out the hill
and use the opened space for worship.

No documents survive.
But standing stones, barrows,
these ever so slight raise and fall
in grassed ground furrowed.

A hand, high enough to hide a hare-
its form.

No documents survive;
but living walls, these pillars laid down
and channels that promise refuge;

an all year sky.

Yes the dawn, and now the evening
- bruised in under -
for today's silenced prayer.

The field is my church.

Five scores for moving through paradox with the British countryside -

- I. Slow walk like a stalker
with nothing save a body that senses;
no intent
no capture.
- II. Choose a point on the horizon and walk to it. No map, no phone, no camera.
- III. Crawl through the hedgerow, pause when a branch or thorn catch you
you must twist toward before moving on.
- IV. Forgive.
Let all to contemporaneous reverie.
Let all crawl on you. (- deer ticks).
- V. Name and greet at least fifty individuals, acknowledging their response or
message.

goose /gu:p/ n. & v. • n. (pl. **geese** /gi:s/) **1 a** a large waterbird of the family Anatidae, with short legs, webbed feet, and a short broad bill. (see note below.) **b** the female of this (opp GANDER n.1). **c** the flesh of a goose as food. **2** colloq. a simpleton. **3** (pl. **gooses**) a tailor's smoothing-iron, having a handle like a goose's neck. • [v.tr.](#) sl. poke (a person) in the bottom. □ **goose bumps** N. Amer. = goose-flesh. **goose-egg** N.Amer. a zero score in a game. **goose-flesh** (or **-pimples** or **-skin**) a pimply state of the skin with the hairs erect, produced by cold, fright, etc. **goose-step** n. a military marching step in which the knees are kept stiff. • v.intr. march in this way. **kill the golden goose** or **kill the goose that lays** (or **laid**) **the golden egg** sacrifice long-term advantage to short-term gain. [OE gōs f. Gmc]

- Geese are generally larger than ducks, and usually have a longer neck and shorter bill. Many kinds migrate in V-shaped flocks to and from their breeding grounds. The farmyard goose is a domesticated form of the greylag, though other kinds are sometimes kept.

Prunus avium (Wild Cherry):

Prunus, proo-nus; classical name of the plum. Flowering and fruiting trees.

AVIUM, av-e-um, L. *avis*, a bird. The Common Gean, sometimes called Bird-Cherry.

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“I can’t go out in this” you’ll say; how about a tiny time we’ll share together. Or you’re on your own in a black hut, surrounded by wild cherry edges, sighing because it’s a relief. The rain became one mass, not many, a blur like heavy snow - just yesterday - but not slow; fast, very, and incessant; like the ground could look back up that column of water and whisper, “cloud, cloud, why do you send me water? Why must you stay away?”



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