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books will read themselves
stars will turn to dark
plates will bleed on shelves
trees will spurn their bark

eyes won't learn to look
secrets won't be told
trout won't churn in brook
old men won't be old

puppets will have souls
rocks will all be flat
streams will all have shoals
inventors all stand pat

fires won't yet burn
skies won't still be up
days to night won't turn
dogs won't grow from pup

then we'll understand
that god-animal: MAN

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