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KOME’S STORY

it's the same story
told again & again
the modulations
& the machinations
the maudlin
& the dream
schemes & data
a million documents
& a single story
kome's
she said she
moved into her house
her dream house
on december 6th
fell into a deep sleep
stirred the dream
to wake
to war
& the splitting apart
her son
sent off to petawawa
barbed wire
her husband
to tête jaune
herself to
greenwood
green
wood?
ghost
town?
new names
her memory
& the train
(later
to montreal
"the commission
said there'd
be jobs there"

5 days
4 nights
sitting & sleeping
in the coach
dreaming of
the coast
the french tongue
the english tongue
words
& words
o
canada