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## Without Society I Phase

I

a grade without has  
been first this myself  
important think society around  
in been by my  
pacifist-anarchism though think around  
been think get also  
has through as I've  
think I also pacifist  
I phase mean also  
first my myself my  
pacifist went done and  
element a I've a  
through a without society  
pacifist life I most  
phase around pacifist first  
I've I what pacifist



## II

always but think they  
there's background this as  
force police I the  
everybody there's that act  
organized as the force  
there's force they I  
force there's as of  
either both as together  
background act that act  
in background act people  
the society as the  
there's I there's the  
around either people and  
either somewhere there's coercive  
pushing society I think  
somewhere if Dharma that  
every somewhere around governmentally  
somewhere sane they are  
I together side is  
together they are both  
and both governmentally around  
they are coercive there's  
an around there's around  
if an I can

background either around there's  
either everybody there's a  
society and I side  
everybody that is police

### III

become the politics will  
go they them people  
to the of that  
degree go to so  
way going that of  
go of will aware  
of go and available  
become and of it  
so they so people  
understand and would will  
things that politics the  
the things more aspect  
that emotions aspect and  
their emotions of seem  
and the seems its so

## IV

how anarchist help some  
be spontaneous need and  
be people to their  
with be a people  
spontaneous people need people  
relatively them always some  
associated anarchist their people  
anarchist people some how  
would with you specificity  
them how help to  
they them people states  
because to specificity how  
with a how often  
in spontaneous states would  
with how

V

beget of classes other  
a part other alleged  
in when ruling one  
situations as the the  
part the alleged the  
individual people that if  
people other possible other  
there what one when  
as when classes ruling  
difference solidify try threatened  
leader and it's that  
and the made fact

## VI

is oneself the you  
that then for when  
the idea of things  
trying that anything random  
then random when random  
of performances when happening  
not motives are anything  
egoic means an other  
performances you become you  
letting means anything silences  
a for the of  
a letting things happen

## VII

the chance oneself is  
than by even system  
of avoid at egoless  
are than ways this  
chance this the at  
these you at that  
other one egoless avoid  
then avoid that this  
you is spontaneously is  
avoid is emotional is  
at first some making  
this making in you

Even indirect language carefully selected in  
hope

I

whose use  
whose the injury  
of industrial purposes  
of personal purposes  
or whose is industrial  
of which property  
does violence  
force property  
personal or industrial  
to any of such  
defends by  
personal or property  
forces or defends  
injury or force  
whose society forces  
industrial or personal  
by one  
by personal  
by organization of government  
or personal or which



forces industrial  
terrorism or personal  
defence

## II

or by

or any advice

any professed advice

professed in any means

any real defense

others prosecute

or defend purpose

any professed advice

changes purpose to

suspected association

or any advice by

property or professed or

threaten change by professed

or suspected to hold

such which

suspected any

threaten change

or change

or advice to any

or to such change

### III

any forfeited  
Canadian seized any  
forfeited Canadian  
authorized or  
unlawful to have been  
taken by police  
forfeited or unlawful  
to profess any acts  
any written acts  
any warrant  
to speak write or publish  
or profess to act  
majestically sold  
as any profess

#### IV

displayed or  
buttoned  
any or become  
upon any  
and wear  
other professed  
insignia or remember  
suggestion to continue  
device of association  
remember intended insignia  
about to continue  
suggestion in  
or in as such  
and wear  
insignia or  
suggestion

V

as any subscriptions  
more than this  
one's dues or  
an association of one  
or if twenty and  
unlawful as to who  
if charged  
anything to solicit  
yearns such unlawfulness  
yearns any proven imprisonment  
not under or for  
for it or for one  
associated with anything  
any has if unlawful then  
more the offence

## VI

spoken or circulated  
by owner or absence  
or unlawful office  
or absence of association  
spoken publicly  
or in meetings  
of an unlawful  
owner an advocacy  
of building any association  
any unlawful association

## VII

or advocate  
such injury of  
any or of any  
subsidiary advice or  
of any physical association  
to teach or defend  
assemblage law or  
permit such offence  
to place a branch  
or such section  
knowingly associated  
of violence or any  
such subsidiary

## VIII

if a five dollar  
oath years any  
court or years  
contravention  
then any oath  
imprisons  
courtly justice  
be not more than  
courtly if  
more than five if  
an oath that peace  
imprisons



IX

any such issue  
an assisted peace  
place any  
at such  
premises mentioned  
authorized with  
time and  
warrant the  
time as  
peace is about  
assisted peace  
any assisted time  
is searched  
or seized section  
committed his hand

X

on hand-bills on  
posters or the  
papers published  
or forfeited  
it seized so  
in the  
so seized may such  
hand-bills  
forfeited or seized  
found or sectioned  
pamphlets pictures papers circulars  
any letters which are  
this same sectioned  
and the majesty carried

XI

any adapted  
justice by any  
judged this procedure  
peace forfeited this  
property may  
any manner  
or any  
majesty as by  
a summary  
forfeiture  
this matter  
to manner

## XII

in newspapers  
or in writing  
newspaper writing  
which is taught or  
necessarily  
any advice  
sells books  
prints pamphlets  
for persons whose defence  
for whom  
defended in kind

### XIII

injury of any  
to any to such  
government  
shall government  
yearns otherwise liable  
otherwise any  
who imprison for any  
use or issue  
otherwise imprison  
or circulate yearning otherwise  
threats accomplishing  
any distribution  
or otherwise any  
yearning to be  
law attempts  
offence and then injury

#### XIV

the same section  
posted and in posting  
to any mail  
receptacle  
by any offence  
the same  
shall be circular  
this cause posted  
a mailing  
any mail  
of posted causing  
Canada in any receptacle  
described in periodical print  
and then any  
paper circular card or letter  
more than years  
for this or  
any other posted cause

XV

any are liable  
to be any  
imported book  
any letter  
from newspaper  
shall be  
imprisoned  
means guilty  
shall sanction  
attempts whatever the circular  
shall be liable  
means any  
who attempt any letter  
shall yearn  
paper to paper  
whatever the guilt

XVI

respect  
in letter  
mention  
any duty  
either in  
respect  
of the same  
mentioned  
either in  
any letter  
any majesty  
either in  
any other



## XVII

when to when  
upon or upon which  
selected or trucked  
others in royal wrappings  
and so transmit when  
of wharf or commissioned  
envelopes others found  
envelopes to  
commission  
language's delay  
yarded or indirect

## If Seditious Words Are Spoken

I

with themselves  
disturb the  
intent when  
needlessly cause  
of such  
will on  
unlawful common  
grounds and  
assembly so  
will fear  
whose purpose  
by assembled  
common manner  
cause to  
manner to  
cause to  
common cause  
and needlessly

## II

lawfully in  
three there  
assembled such  
in to  
have they  
of the  
reasonable assembly  
tumultuously conduct  
common persons  
the assembled  
persons propose  
they propose  
such assembling  
that persons  
provoke lawful  
purpose of  
occasion if  
purpose assembled

### III

such not  
not private  
house suffers  
assembled of  
persons therein  
is public  
and any  
together to  
suffer private  
which private  
will enter  
private will  
any will  
of the  
of enter  
not the  
not to  
offend against

## A Common Purpose

utter the same words  
who go to work  
sometimes so strongly  
jeered and insulted

proceed thither, yelling and swearing  
acting together  
for whom work is available  
the strike is shewn

who go to work  
the strike is shewn  
jeered and insulted  
who go to work

within the purview  
who exhorted others  
not peaceful persuasion  
in any particular case

who exhorted others  
who go to work  
in any particular case  
who go to work

hundreds of desperate men  
will be opposed  
the rest remained  
under such circumstances

need not an intention  
utter the same words  
must be not merely  
to cease work

society was such  
as much a breach  
hesitate to go  
sometimes so strongly

it would seem  
anyone who goes  
under such circumstances  
anyone who goes

utter the same words  
anyone who goes  
who go to work  
as much a breach

anyone who goes  
sometimes so strongly  
a doubt expressed  
sometimes so strongly

a prevailing mischief  
as much a breach  
to cease work  
who go to work

will be opposed  
of a riotous mob  
who go to work  
the strike is shewn

it would seem  
need not an intention  
the strike is shewn  
upon their definition

as much a breach  
if the intended act  
not as yet  
means to resist

if the intended act  
means to resist  
no civilized government  
permit this practice

appealed to as red  
who exhorted others  
no civilized government  
means to resist

project of compelling  
exactly the same words  
upon their definition  
is sufficient evidence

acting together  
to cease work  
sometimes so strongly  
in any particular case



to cease work  
is sufficient evidence  
in any particular case  
of a riotous mob

is sufficient evidence  
to stop work  
counselled or procured  
the rest remained

exactly the same words  
a doubt expressed  
the rest remained  
to stop work

it would seem  
a prevailing mischief  
the language used  
the opinion of firm and rational men

who exhorted others  
assembled under arms  
to stop work  
permit this practice

need not an intention  
hesitate to go  
part of a concourse  
a common purpose

assembled under arms  
not peaceful persuasion  
permit this practice  
not as yet

difficult in controlling  
overawed and agreed  
of a riotous mob  
in any particular case

if seditious words are spoken  
in its inception  
the opinion of firm and rational men  
under such circumstances

not peaceful persuasion  
the strike is shewn

and resigns

Merely and Any  
(The Woodsworth Variations)

*Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and  
that write grievousness which they have prescribed;  
To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take  
away the right from the poor of my people, that  
widows may be their prey, and that they may rob  
the fatherless!*

(Isaiah 10:1-2)

unrest expressed  
not anarchists  
perfervid deception such  
if hard-hearted deception

deceit will force  
impotent need  
prominently provoked  
not drifted merely

aside such  
substituted deception  
such appeal  
strikes skilled

overthrow merely  
and any  
thinking

any  
aside deceives  
substituted merely  
realized

realize such  
susceptible sympathy  
skilled theorists  
and not

agitators any  
substituted merely  
skilled deceit  
deceived indifference

replaced by  
sympathetic against  
doubtful susceptible theorists  
innocent and not

deceit against least  
intolerable strike susceptible  
order promised  
skilled indifference

replaced not against  
not deceived  
not susceptible theorists  
seething not declined

replaced not conceded  
susceptible theorists despaired  
against agitators  
against impotent overthrow

## Bloody Saturday

turned murderous  
line determined  
beside exact  
expression

less incensed  
remains murderous  
not witness  
until reined

hardly met  
forcible silence  
by limit's  
probable pace

attempt  
opposite hardly  
reformed remains  
on pace

though reined  
reined through  
through witness  
persuaded

though incensed  
intended though  
intended hardly  
thought

## Under the Bludgeonings of Chance

I

from warmth  
and from seeking  
here the warmth  
consider my feelings  
with individual warmth  
I am not  
I live  
with feelings



## II

remember the verdict  
and consider the gains  
according to all we verdict  
which evidenced  
only laid according  
to small gains  
and we  
a small thing  
before you  
has laid

### III

my concern  
that evidence  
would sitting  
sitting in that  
would as standing  
is boxed ideal  
the handle  
before you  
so laid the standing  
deal is benched  
before you laid  
learned concern  
which is  
before you  
hope

## IV

that hands  
to evidence  
your want  
and part judgment  
of hands  
according judgment  
questions  
and spent  
from whom  
only the  
asking  
wants

V

other to over  
defending is due  
your look of libel  
due other from other  
keeps wounded to  
wound matters  
are duties  
or charges from life  
whether speech

## VI

heave ideas  
but keep the opinion  
for some  
just heave  
just heave  
reformation  
for dues  
as for  
heave ideas  
about this heave  
some ideas  
and some children  
social with  
reformation

## VII

if I take  
leave and  
balance grown  
for rejected  
in some  
I reject is that  
some rejected  
to be balanced  
the literature  
left over  
not to find  
going  
if gold can  
and if  
opinions want

## VIII

flatter by flatten  
the driving  
soon places  
the exposed  
reasons one  
flattens doctrine  
dark ideas  
accepted if  
ones more  
crushing  
placed  
lest accepted  
some we flatter  
flatter and  
enjoy

The Pirc  
(Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Variation)

I

grasp without  
rigid for ragged  
canny cope

scabs spent  
midst form  
squabble against supposed

but limited  
supply

stray  
rigidly strayed  
without might

if finished  
might depends

if depends  
might spur  
spent limits



## II

suppose for  
ceased stone-faced  
but interference intact

botched within  
not as eked  
further astray

supply inscribed  
deviation only  
spurs supplies

squabble without  
skiffs upon might  
depend

only supplies  
rigid grasp

### III

slacken stony-faced  
deviation did induce  
the open-mouth

construed skiff  
means deviate

means stray tactics astray  
meanings only defence

without stray  
nor finished  
canny sort

only skiffs  
defend skiffs  
if threshed

but fixed  
spun further  
might interfere

supposed spar  
spent scabs

inscribed instinct  
intact for further  
rigidly fixed

continental or  
ragged as

inference compelled  
inference  
supposedly

#### IV

did only  
with open  
mouth

without rigid  
spar or  
spur

depends so  
raggedly compel  
nor coerce

not instinctive grasp  
stern  
or mouthed

open spoils  
shimmering  
with rigid means

## Goldman Variations

### I

though social or sane  
either between need  
but hesitate  
then form strange wrath  
though cruelest  
means mere struggle  
nor tenacious ideal  
needs opposition  
but struggle past pretense  
only beautiful pretense  
hopes both strange  
yet attempted form  
still false  
said reason  
approaches means  
against means

## II

nor less kept  
and most  
whose harmful urges  
sustain stagnant schemes  
or rather rest  
on prevalent analysis  
either definition intact  
every pitch sustains  
proven nor prevalent  
whether sustained  
into definition  
only stagnant  
urges as  
any condemn

### III

if bitter taunt  
related bitter moral  
mere instincts seek  
any moral phase  
as nothing  
contains any  
mere refrain  
while disclosed  
with potent conflict  
sings or merely strives  
within waged instincts  
though only seeks  
not taunts  
nothing closely created  
maintains same  
related bind

#### IV

turned as  
against even  
entails instincts  
blending our submission  
and even until squalor  
begat spool  
means nothing  
yet conceded  
since fetters only  
begat our  
instincts spool  
demand nor squalor  
subdued means  
mere squalor  
yet naught  
needs claim  
exceeds any  
and all  
but even



V

fettered against instance  
of delicate obedience  
want phased wound  
defined when judged  
but whether such forms  
condemn work whether waste  
obeyed latent instance  
nor transmitted when  
least fettered  
though forms define work  
arrange fettered waste  
but define forms against  
such or spacious needs  
impossible

## VI

as any agree  
demand resists  
obedient instance  
no efficient hitch  
no denial without derived  
assertions as such  
resist difficult hopes  
after such surrender  
serves derived demand  
with thorough assertions  
unless ceased hopes  
demand after hopes  
serve public assertions  
contrary instance  
works without  
handcuffs

## VII

fearful as coarse  
despair stinging  
failed pretext  
written words  
engage past  
deadening struggle  
into brutal balance  
so both coping  
deprived either paid  
and deadening  
entire apparatus  
piercing further  
but loathes waste  
conspires past stinging  
process paid  
paid past every fact  
requires coarse apparatus  
deprived words  
never should pour past  
stealing despair

## VIII

turned calm carried  
caged commitment  
suppose fettered favour  
inclines toward  
serene restraint  
but impose  
narrow need  
insistent inclination  
proposes apparent  
change though  
tendencies apparent  
only intense  
agreement with  
maimed revolt  
means imposed  
inclinations calm  
wounded insistence  
carried caged intent  
serene when social  
turns social

## IX

until fluttering  
lies defiant  
exceed as  
illegal intentions  
lose abolished process  
either becomes corrupt  
becomes nothing through  
traded loss prevails  
as such begging  
influence over  
chance not  
not enough

X

surging as social  
only action  
directs moral  
yet owes  
much history  
ushered  
even sought  
along persistent lines  
still meddlesome  
so exponents witness  
not surging  
not encroaching authority  
into direct thought  
lines surging about  
yet ridiculed  
into tremendous history  
carried theory  
against expression  
with learning  
as much  
learned





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