

An Eye for Eternity: Rune Music



Still Life by Evert Collier, 1675

“The Truth was there already to be true.” – W. H. Auden, “The History of Truth”

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I slide into the future with both feet.

Action I'd prefer, not passivity—
but passivity's a rite of age,
and I'm at that latter stage.

So what is it, then, I go to greet?

How can I turn the turning page?

I'll meet it when I've escaped my cage,
an ape en route to eternity.

Note: The poet W. H. Auden believed himself to be of Norse (Icelandic) descent; in legend, to gain knowledge of the Runic alphabet, the Norse (and more broadly Germanic) god of poetry and seers, Odin, sacrifices one of his eyes.

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