

LEATHERHARD
NOT LEATHER, THOUGH
Mud with minerals
weathered and gathered

Geology undone
Sedimented patience

Body in waiting, joined, held and charged by water.

LEATHERHARD
NOR HARD EITHER
Moist and hydrated
Cool to touch, dark to eye

No longer viscous
 Internal frictions
 clinging, unwilling to let go
Not yet brittle
 Bonds locked
 tense, flocked, refusing to yield

Body subsiding, breath paced with the air.

PLASTICITY
Lubricant thirst — that fills
Water retention, de-floc-cu-la-tion

Electric mayhem — that signals
Order in suspension, anticipated selves

AN EVENT
Named by proxy — leatherhard

On behalf, body spoken through what is not.

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Touch knows
in rhythm, sensing difference
in reciprocity, intuition
motion

S L I D I N G
WAVE OF INTERNAL APPETITE
SKIN CLOAKING BODY

SYMPATHY AND ANTIPATHY
of material kin
far from benevolent
encompassing gravity

Like love,
philia — hydro - attunement

and phobia too, in the same puff
BONE DRY GRACE

in-en-un-fold
TRACES
Vitrified duration
Semiotic faults, fractures, scars, striations, indentations, stretch
marks

TOUCH THAT HAS BEEN TOUCHED
KNOWLEDGE TO BE SUMMONED