

I don't know

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I don't know

Tom Murphy

I don't know
 how far out
 is out there
don't know don't know

tongue and groove
 tool and die
 John and Merce

far out not out there looking leapt

they're out,
 far out,
 past the Be-In

leapt in the 40s dropped in their 20s

musical patterns
 riffs, triplets
 double trio

dissonance
 improvisational
 siren wail
 tinkling glass

gurgling toilet
 water & pipes
 bubbling of bong

rustling

rustling cows

rustling paper

paper cut,

cut out the

Mercy float of Candlemas fair.

Leapt.

Float out

off

got off

on / off

the bus

high water mark

moment too far out

out for a while

not out of it

not

recover undercover lover

out beyond there

tool and

groove

tongue and die

pimp and John

Ho Ho

Ho

out of bounds

out of relief

out of time

out of

habit
she drew the blinds
out of light
out of energy
out of
night
out beyond dawn
out beyond stick figures
placing
pennies
on their eyes,
on the piano strings
bolt cutters
tuning interdimensional
yoke and yak
out
out there
leapt and leapt
leaping still
jar to jar,
falling
still
one hand trap
ripe ripped
offed offer
out
outed
they're there
their out—there
unaware
of wavelength

oscillation
pounding
Fenollosaing
wave breakers
out there
wavelength
breakers flipped
flugelhorn long
not
e
flat far away,
cresting crust out
their
Happening
Ted
and Tom
Hap
pen
ing don't know
how
out there
they're
their
has become
keep on leaping
keep on leaping
don't know tool &
die
keep on keeping on
far out
far out

don't know
tongue a
groove,
Basa Nova,
Samba,
Fado,
pinched strings
John
Cage
have mercy
Merce Cunningham
know how far out
is out there
pennywise
pennywhistle
penny-farthing
cycling
Penny darling
marble corner
cold as Olson's
prose and
pose topless
great father
out there
all-night obscura
leapt Kerouac
leapt
Colin Kaepernick —
onto the playing field
oddly uneven
sphere of influence

subjugation
domination and
discipline
knelt at strains
oh can you
feel the
pain



Tom Murphy and Ted Pope, Performance of *I don't know* at the Blue Ridge Assembly during REVIEWING Black Mountain College 12, November 12-14, 2021. Video. <https://vimeo.com/679498782>. [View at article URL.]