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Fishing

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Psychoalphadiscobetabioaquadooloop

—George Clinton, Aquaboogie

and don't

"close"

The first word learned

In this language: fish.

turn

notions

My eyes: sharks poised

at mouth openings

returns dissolves

to stir a tango

to feed when lips and teeth

engaged tongue to propel

of idiom. Each flip

of his foot grounds

sound forward. I gulped

greedy for decoding,

each flip of my foot

seeking ground, I say:

my new world

tongue coated

fout! He says:

Now the dance.

curled about

inflexible consonants

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like a great whale exerting

Its continental tail.

Here lights that

"turn off"



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