

Raft to the Other Shore

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“Life is a killer,” said Bill.
Yet would not murder
a spider for the light of its eight
eyes.

Outside of life, this becoming
the eye of a spider,
an organ of sight,

formless attractor, the middle eye
rejects a Spider God, eleven-
headed, eight-armed, twenty-two-legged
hustler

dancing on the corpse of a concept,
as crickets and seventeen-year
grasshoppers,
propagations,

saturate the sanctuary
of a hundred thousand freight trains
in my skull. Down a waterspout,
bottom out to the well again,

spiders are my friends,
me and brother Jim and the bees together
again.