

Instar

it requires such exertions as to render the enterprise possible
only after prolonged intervals of rest and feeding.

a connection on the wall.
an apogee several times my own height.
the cord is attached.

cornflour still powdering my face.

it drains the sac and eats it.
I thrust chitinous spikes into fissures in the rock.
like mercury running off the lip of a bowl.

i can feel the earth turning.
the air weighs on me bleeding through my skins
and fixes me to the spot.

oblique, silken threads hang spermatophore above substrata.

instars.

peeling skins off.
it comes when lured.
tapping its tactile cerci and picking up my sac.

one such interval having recently passed.

it can be coaxed.
its exertions.
prolonged intervals.
attaching.
separating.
draining.

it peels its skins off.
it comes when coaxed and drains the sac.
thin instar slinky.

oblique lines lure it in.