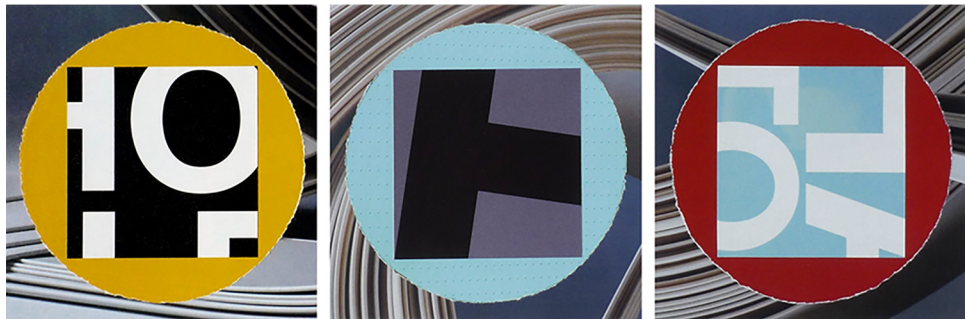


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dawn
in
stalling

in
stilling

thinner
than
imagined

column of ants
no one here goes
by that name

primary colors at the edge of a clean conscience

dry lakebeds pay-per-view

late morning light
I swallow the pill
without water

nightly news the ratio of river to rain

war leveraged tagline of the late holocene

searching for
the perfect word
I play
with the ink left
in the barrel of my pen

winter cold knuckles in the belly of events

will of the people—
the rattle inside
a green pepper

dark winter sea erasing the incision line

solstice
skin still puckering
around the scar

Oxford comma not for this blue hour

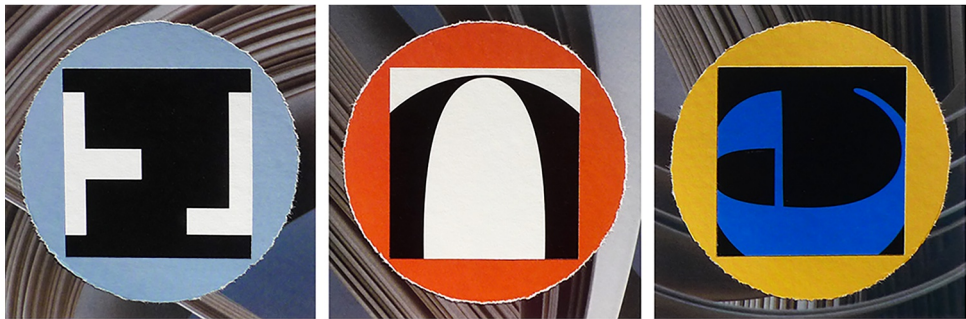
echoes in the digital bury us

the seeds hold
heat at the core
of a pepper
another sweetness
remains buried in the flesh

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