

DESERT SKY #1

*a collaboration between Wayne A. Gilbert and Janice Grimes
response to a photo by Brian McElwain:
early morning early summer cloudscape from 6/4/21 between 6:00-6:15 a.m.*

(a)

my body cannot i am
 will-less
 rise
my
 only this
 heavy
stone-head
 on the hard-dark
 base-
 line
 ache
re-
ceding

(b)

ex- *nihilo* a
 light
 plays
a little night-
 blues off
 the graphite
 spills
whitegreys
 splat-ter-dabs
 my body
 releases/my
 tension un-
 tombs
 long ing
 reach es
 lean/s
toward
 relief