Zugunruhe

scarcity coming stirring of the new

our taut bodies find the map

north-seeking knowing the cool whoosh we will never

stop hearing bearing into the ache of it stroke by stroke

ahead are the hills that remember below are

the burning cities they too recall us belong to us

we will never stop

looking marking

the distance where and when

Summary: A simple, inexpensive technique for obtaining data. The procedure is to place test birds into funnel shaped cages in migration season. They find themselves standing on inkpads beneath sloped walls of paper. Remove the covers, exposing each bird to the sky.

At nightfall, the birds will turn slowly in a circle, bills tilted upwards, wings spread and quivering. They hop up onto the white paper, only to slide back down. The inked footmarks left on the sides of the funnels have been shown to correspond with each bird's normal migration direction.

The footmarks can then be translated into numerical form. At termination, lids are quietly replaced, the units inverted, and the birds removed by hand from the small ends of the funnels.

The sky is visible overhead.

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