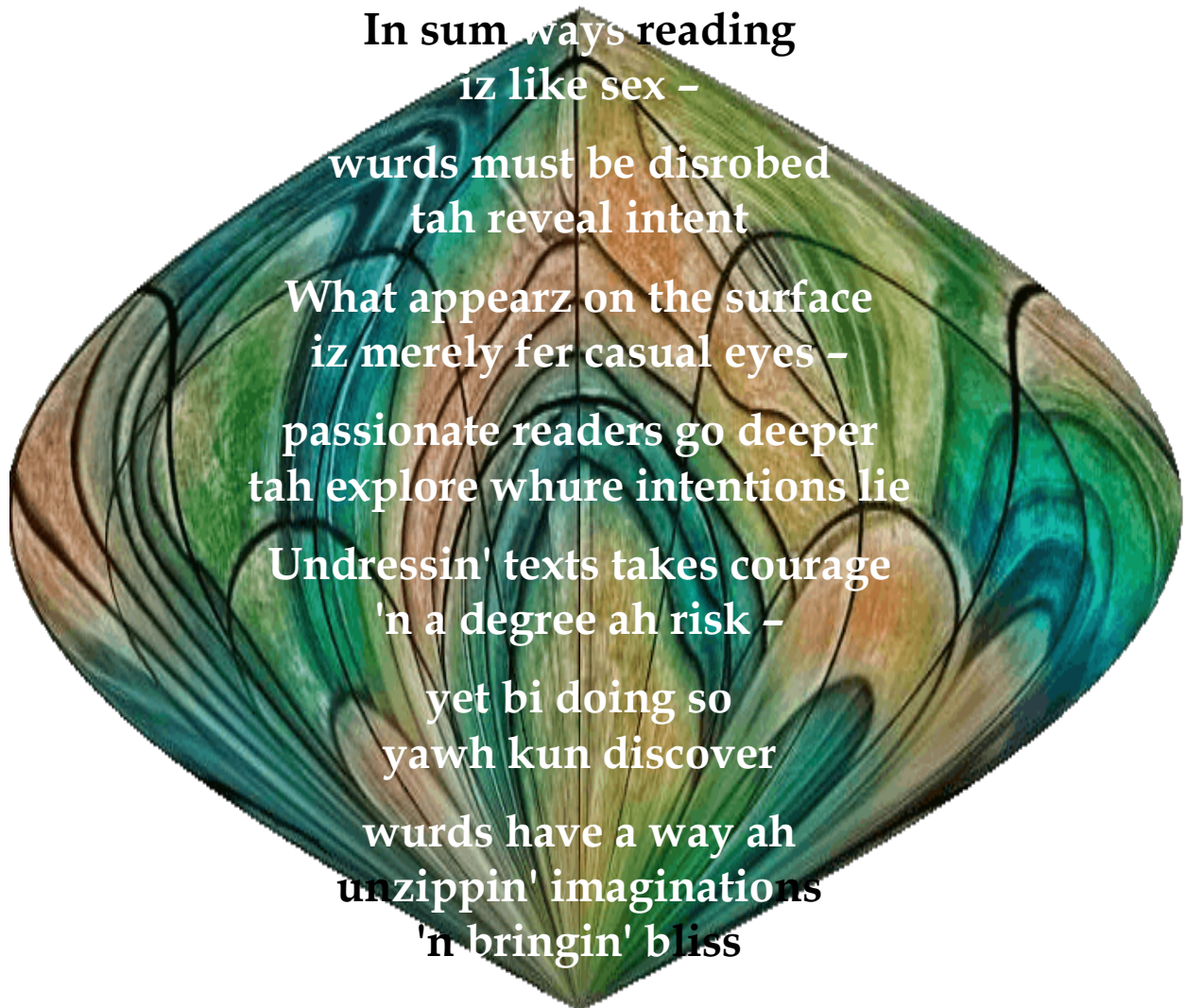


THE LURE OF BOOKS: *Some Thoughts about the Magic of Reading*



In sum ways reading
iz like sex -
wurds must be disrobed
tah reveal intent
What appearz on the surface
iz merely fer casual eyes -
passionate readers go deeper
tah explore whure intentions lie
Undressin' texts takes courage
'n a degree ah risk -
yet bi doing so
yawh kun discover
wurds have a way ah
unzippin' imaginations
'n bringin' bliss

Tim: There's something magical about reading.

Satoru: Indeed. Engaging texts almost read themselves: pages flow spontaneously as imagery is evoked.

Tim: Great texts alchemize our imaginations in amazing ways. Not all texts have that capacity.

Melissa: Indeed, whereas some texts seem stale and dully, others are vivid and flowing.

Liao: Who knows? It's fascinating to observe how different texts excite different people. In this way, reading resembles romance.

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