I don't know
Tom Murphy (performed by Tom Murphy and Ted Pope)

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Tom Murphy

I don’t know
how far out
is out there
don’t know
don’t know
tongue and groove
tool and die

John and Merce

far out not out there looking leapt
they’re out,
far out,
past the Be-In

leapt in the 40s dropped in their 20s
musical patterns
riffs, triplets
double trio
dissonance
improvisational
siren wail
tinkling glass
gurgling toilet
water & pipes
bubbling of bong
rustling
rustling cows
rustling paper
paper cut,
cut out the

Mercy float of Candlemas fair.
Leapt.
Float out
off
got off
on / off
the bus
high water mark
moment too far out
out for a while
not out of it
not
recover undercover lover
out beyond there
tool and
groove
tongue and die
pimp and John
Ho Ho
Ho
out of bounds
out of relief
out of time
out of
habit

she drew the blinds
  out of light
  out of energy
  out of night

out beyond dawn
  out beyond stick figures
  placing pennies

on their eyes,
  on the piano strings
  bolt cutters

tuning interdimensional
  yoke and yak
  out there

leapt and leapt
  leaping still
  jar to jar,
  falling still

one hand trap
  ripe ripped
  offed offer
  out

outed

they’re there
  their out—there
  unaware
  of wavelength
oscillation

pounding
Fenollosaing
wave breakers
out there
wavelength
breakers flipped
flugelhorn long
not
e

flat far away,
crested crust out
their
Happening
Ted

and Tom
Hap
pen
ing don't know
how

out there
they're
their
has become

keep on leaping
keep on leaping
don't know tool &
die

keep on keeping on
far out
far out
don’t know tongue a groove, Basa Nova, Samba, Fado, pinched strings John Cage have mercy Merce Cunningham know how far out is out there pennywise pennywhistle penny-farthing cycling Penny darling marble corner cold as Olson’s prose and pose topless great father out there all-night obscura leapt Kerouac leapt Colin Kaepernick — onto the playing field oddly uneven sphere of influence
Tom Murphy and Ted Pope, Performance of *I don’t know* at the Blue Ridge Assembly during REVIEWING Black Mountain College 12, November 12-14, 2021. Video. [https://vimeo.com/679498782](https://vimeo.com/679498782). [View at article URL.]