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Intro

Assoc with Maryland trouble: sunnys quiet fields bore much by him + double catastrophe - removal to cold city - impossibility of returning in person, physically because memories too painful. Then is it any wonder that he will return at least in poetry?

connection to place, specific real, not mythic, exile + imaginative return

True love of place - poetry as consolation/replacement - connection

Primitivism or imp. term/concept - p. of Kultur vs p. of soul -

poem as part of discovery of the primitive in modern cult. - new source of nourishment, here in American/authentic variety - special claim for

Am in songs: precision + delicacy of images, depth of feeling
paradoxically w/ restraint, silence, self-control

* Stress on restraint, delicacy + silence is apologia/defense of an American way in Hbs. poetry contra the course of Hbs p. in SY
Home unexplained emphasis w/in story on silence

NE town in summer (Vineyard, Nantucket?) - amateur painters departing
Triangulation City → MD NE

Leaving the city to recapture the lost Eden of MD

Real sense of place

[Leave aside the complex centered Q of genre - Lyrical: epic or narrative what is appropriate to it - S. Katz: poema - [for! closer to a poem, a long narrative poem w/ affinities to novel - then characteristics tightened & heightened in DDS - thesis re escape from prisonhouse of Lyric] *Not abandoning of lyric but relaxing into extensibility/ grand + simplicity

Katz on H as for Hbs who has SY audience in mind w/ explanations, speaking from later (when more were stated), using J. terminology (shamelessly?)

Poet intent on conveying sense of place + inner qualities of Indian life
 w/ deliberate emotional anachronism - putting sophisticated ideas
 emotions
 & thoughts in primitive minds - role of art

* projection of lyric agenda/concerns [loneliness, truth, tragedy, suffering, expression, resignation, feeling] onto a spiritual/narrative center - less about national theme (or esp. track)

P. 9. MD as meeting of H + S, as mellowing of tensions, also meeting of ocean + land - flat woods, estuary - Hanticoah Tribe specifically placed

Begins w/ European settlement as brave flight from religious persecution + then leave them behind - rather the ambiguities of the European code are internalized into one individual: Tom, who himself is banished

11 ^{globe} ~~the~~ ^{the} saints - the ones whom on Sunday thought about their crops - physiocratic bias - → H's bias declared - The proto-Saint theme there from the outset

12-14 silence as provocation - 2 kinds of societies - English: silence
 Does not have to be
 necessarily motivated
 by symbolic forms
 or repression, withholding, deceit, refusal to be open + levelled + known in community, collective control essential, no mysteries, deviance controlled (sep character sole outlet), mystery provocation that unleashes violent aggression

Americans: silence that reflects communion w/ the Spirit, spirituality of wonder, genuine resignation, dead over gab - L's figure takes it further into a pantheistic, contemplative level projection onto L the religious communion w/ Nature of the HE Transcendentalist w/o individualism, will + self

Peter Brooks
 Melville's
 poem + the symbolic order - a logic in conflict w/ conventions of realism embodied by novel comparisons/expectations

p. 21 - > n't is of sp plc → more foreshadowing

Wigwam (3)

- 17 L's light skin as portending due dropped at beginning of work - preoccupation w/ racial traits - is this fear of miscegenation in marriage? or markers of difference? Tom is the one who cannot abide the acceptance of L + Indian life
- 18 Braver on hunt come up empty handed + then find Tom as replacement - Sachem's decision not to scalp him but to nurse him + consign him to his daughter, knowing what he knows, does not accord w/ rational, motivated behavior, accord. to L's literary conventions of realistic epic - But in symbolic order, it is about the failure of self-protection, inherent weakness, vulnerability, ~~generosity~~ innocence & marked as generosity Sachem as wise but blind
- 21 L's solitariness her gem/Hasidic spiritual attainments - the way of silent communion w/ nature - self-sufficiency - reflects insider outside → 34 Hair as rebellion, resistance
- 28 T's hair as object of fascination, L's feeling of inferiority: why did the Spirit give gifts to some + not to others?
- 30 Jfk use of Heb. mouths - joining or natural? communication w/ Heb readers - naturalizing Indians (or others) into Hebraic frame
- 31 Tom's perception of Indians: ancient, noble, proud + markers of the secret of silence * Because his sense of beauty is rekindled, his gift returns
- 32 pictorial language: sunset like inverted tray/bowl
- 34 Artistic ritual + fashioning brush from his own body, hair
- 35/6 Cut + Indians - representation of self as Western idea, wholly novel; ideal of versatilitude foreign + fascinating - representation now as a kind of memorialization/documentation of a civilization in its eclipse - self-objectification + self-consciouness new

- 37 She gets it & accepts: ⚡ zig lin ⚡ - sun + people
 He: guilt over conquest + eradication of Indian culture -
 notion of museum as house of trinkets - great Western
 institution as trivializing - The true achievement is this ↓
- 37 ⚡ Noble to ignition + Eastern mind - death is reabsorption
 into Spirit + recycling into new forms
- 41 "Songs" that introduce each chapter - Ethan's notion of pure song
 reflected in oral singing poetry of Indians
- 45 T's apotheosis as white god ⚡ "I'm fit - receiver gift + given
 paintings - moment of recip. exchange
- 58-59 Tom's proto-Jimist speech about rootedness in land, etc. of tree,
 wild speech about feeding glutinous earth - standing like
 entombed god-man ⚡ "I'm fit" fit - [ruling nature, striking
 roots vs tenancy, living with]
- 62 Hagg-Hamer speaks in unisonic singsong
 *function in communicating to mod. Heb reader
- 66 council of war - Tom's counsel to return horse + dig in intention of land
 rail drops down to separate from the brier, who now appears to him
 a savage ⚡ "I'm fit"
- 86-7 Hagg-Hamer's loss for words in expressing his feelings for L -
 Her silence seemed unscalable - kept putting it off - until
 attempt w/ answer to kill Tom
- 94 Tom + the question of happiness - happy now - thinking,
 self-consciousness -
- Happiness, neutrality or couple out of society (strange village)
 name change - one - phq
- 97 lose but not work - creative capacity stilted,

98/9 She sings his athenian wonders
^{late-season}

99 beautiful description of shrewd storm - animated festival
 show triggers memories of HER

*⁽¹³⁾₁₀₃ Failure to repress memories, return of the repressed - just like
 weight around his neck - improved, dealt w/; only tamped down
 Doesn't understand mechanism, victim of it

104 ^{social construction} friends, not painting, prey to memory & discontent
^{scars of self} Construction of his self is European: class, vocation, love - class
 insult, poverty, trauma - ways to manhood & love - overcivilization,
 society, but he is inextricably enmeshed

107 Spring rites - Indians at play - homo ludens

115 L's ^{perverse} preternatural wisdom: she sees the truth & articulates it:

* DNA is ^{esp} inspired ^{esp}
 ... ^{esp} inspired

118 like a god before the people

119 like ancient priestess standing before her god on the altar

142 Song to unborn child - effective use of son

150 Rejection of Harpo's obsession w/ vengeance

^{pk665} Her tragic awareness: ^{1/2} PON / ^{1/2} PINKS P'ON 1/2 F'G'P J'G'P P'ON 1/2

153ff Pages describing her end are truly moving & the fulfillment of
 a tragic plot -