



THE OBJECT TOWARD WHICH THE ACTION OF
THE SEA IS DIRECTED
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You know I want this to be about me.

When I say *oooo* I mean the tumor.

When I say *oooo* I mean denning up

in the pons. Is it really such a bad bad.

When I say

*your mind's eye. When I say
narrative.*

*When I say didn't know, or
exponentially, or what I was doing.*

It was generations

speaking. It's the longest
day of the year.

I am always calling you



the dog's name. The dog is always trying
to please. Of course this is about you, too.

When you say *your little*, when you say
you'll never, when I say *go, go then*
when you say *goodbye party*

I say perfect / you say excuses / I say how long 'til it comes
back out & you say

this 'this' is a worm you just have to writhe
& work & writhe & work
til it's out.

To dream of codfish signifies weakness.
To see anyone adrift denotes loneliness.

This is about us. That's how I know I am one.

“Alaska” means “The Object Toward Which the Action of the
Sea is Directed” in Aleut Aleyska.

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