

## **Corpus**

*(after Alejandra Figueroa)*

Here I cover the surface of the body  
the body the surface, the covering;  
One begins by entering the frame  
the body the frame, a welcoming,  
a focusing and open terrain,  
I advance

A boundary frames a region  
one must discover how to explore  
a removal of the covers  
may expose the surface display  
the region, the mounting and frame are one  
to the senses

I attend  
with hands and smell and vision  
I cover the surface of the body  
bringing the cover to surface  
entering the frame and mounting  
I go on

To penetrate the body,  
uncover what the covering covers

seek what surfaces in the surface,  
mysterious border  
pliant and porous  
a solid liquid, an ever-forming form

I retreat  
impassable yet liminal  
covering countering my own  
I give space  
to space already withheld  
and everywhere available  
within its frame

The asking gaze  
ensnares what it questions  
but cannot possess  
the living surface does not answer  
but responds in its covering  
at one with what's beneath

Inseparably inhabitant  
to countenance this cover  
is to uncover, to discover -  
surface to surface –  
indecipherable content