

I am on a spaceship

called Stable Earth

Deep Salt Sea

actually a poem

by Susan Wheeler

they want to leave

me on earth

so they do

even though

I don't want to

I am there

and say

Then I said

Here I am

Send me

like a thread unraveling
the dam tree. Pronounced dead, the leaf says
turn the other cheek
the tree counts nothing
to put it plainly. I've exhausted the possibility
and the possibility bled
in front of the t. v.
I've been lied to and published
don't breathe this to anyone
bum this. I will try

to say

possession is a spitting image
a digit of his body in a sick state
however ruinous
an inky cavity
overshadows in the stall
turns down his comeback
resumes

I am all ears, on all fours
I am public
in English, not myself
my dirty mouth
heavy with traffic
that of coming attractions
an edge, I added
a perpetual calendar

to the ground