

MEDITATIONS ON THE ALPHABET

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performers: Peter Downsbrough, Loette McCay, Ann-Sargent Wooster

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Alphabet Singing: Loette McCay, Alice Weiner, Michelle Weiss, Ann-Sargent Wooster

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I I eye the first word I spoke touching eye touching
breast or was it my mother's memory, her desire for me centering
me apart from her within myself.

I, the index, shifting signifiers, never knowing always
knowing who I is. The same is true of you.

Self contained, framed within its own structure, never going out
to dinner. Small i, insecure, running in a cursive stroke, fore and
aft. The dot trying to contain it, freeze it here, a photograph. The
i i, barely managing not to be swept away by its consonants. A
terminal e, itself a quiet letter, transforms the vulnerable squashed
character into the command mode I. Who can say which is
better.