when i am told that i must understand

and this understanding is mandatory.

the whole is the sum of its parts

i have tried to avoid the trauma that comes with rejection

but my body jerks

facial tics ruin my smile

and i begin the worries that will not release me.

are there parts with an availability issue

are there parts that refuse to become whole

are there parts with confused identities.

are there wholes that are not available even to themselves.

are there wholes that refuse to recognize their parts.

are there wholes with cosmological limitations.

are there parts that have gone through whole conversion therapy.

too late to back away

i am in the loop of what can show up without due diligence.

how does it happen.

what was the path of subjugation.

what happens to the subdued.

does surrender mean more than resistance.

what does a monument of futility look like...

will a service representative show up with an explanation or will we have to pray on it if the warranty has expired.
does a sum exist without parts.
do parts exist without a sum.
is the sum part of another sum.
can the part have multiple sums.
are there universes of parallel sums
are sums quantum clouds owned by shamans.
i have avoided
institutional hospitalization
but have been treated for institutional hostility

and forced to say artists

simply cannot do math in a way

that adds up to reality.

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