

## Farm to Text

menu: wild mushroom and goat cheese strudel (pastoral),  
Bear beer brewed on a farm (georgic?), pickled zucchini

Narco criticism      better than ecocriticism  
take seriously the idea of being in an  
writing

intoxicated state  
aesthetics – the effect of drugs on  
Testo-Junkie  
Drug Theory

They talk about ingesting a bunch of substances  
and trying to write theory  
Flowing outward into whatever directions that might take

A stable set of objects of study

American Pronoun

The train of theory barreling down on you and  
Spivak has tied you to the tracks.

Leo Marx

unstated light implication that the European Renaissance is the result of the  
discovery of America

Is this a thing? The way the new world is discussed in the Faerie Queene.

Atlantis and Virginia  
The magical world of Virginia, suburb of D.C.

qt. about Beverly p.75

Early reports of Colonial America that made the  
Native Virginians into Shepherds  
Woodcuts

Trope of America as Garden  
plenty of grapes – grapes and wine as a pastoral trope  
abundance  
difference

The Edenic Thing

the Romantics & the travel literature they read  
about America

Stuff that Coleridge was reading about Florida  
Locus Amoenus – an amazing band  
rhymes w/ Des Moines-ness

overlooking your sheep frisking  
Theocritus  
talking to their sheep by name  
& telling them to stop fucking each other  
Kind of Pastoral Settings  
Field  
Clearing in the Woods

Locus Amoenus as a place where the pastoral ideal is both instituted and threatened  
quote. p. 16-17  
“Now tension . . . harmony.”  
a jarring note

What is the nature of the pastoral ideal before it is interrupted by the machine?

Not simply as utter silence  
Is the cover of Pet Sounds pastoral or not?  
Pet Sounds '66  
Abbey Road '69  
Sgt. Peppers '67  
Rubber Soul '65  
The Machine in the Garden '65

Not a clear divide between eclogue & georgic (Pastoral Class)

At least one Idyl of Theocritus  
that is about farmers plowing a field  
Shepherds, according to T. & V., have all  
this otium – the georgic laborer doesn't  
have time for all this shit

Rousseau – interested in labor not leisure

Georgics are in first person  
Virgil singing to you

Didactic – practical things in beautiful poetry, a framework that makes it lofty  
the learnings of science  
As a poet Virgil is caught between farming & science

Academic learning | Physical contact with the real world

he almost says that he would rather be a farmer than an academic

What is the connection between academic learning and urbanization?

Stoner – novel, not narco-criticism, 1965  
Extension  
University campuses as pastoral spaces

What is the connection between pastoral & beauty?

William Empson – What is pastoral?

What Else is Pastoral?

Landscape

Sought after real?

Idealized land

space

labor

lack of realism

Renaissance play about a Peasant uprising

loaded w/ pastoral tropes

love story unfolds

doesn't want to be chased/chaste

Commander – invasion – city into country

Counter-Reformation thing

He just wants to fuck all the women

Mengo – has his ass whipped into Flayed Salmon

Peasant revolt – represent the cohesion of the community

The pastoral genre springs back against

this epic character

(there were Women in acting troupes in Spain at this time)

The pastoral woman gives a speech

to the men

to the women

Everybody kills the nobles

Ferdinand and Isabella send a judge

the villagers have a better understanding of chivalry & ethics, how to be civil

They say that the fillage killed the commander

The pastoral killed the epic

identifies the peasants

description of a mud hut in Spenser

Pastorella & Calidore

book about digression & distraction

Epic similies

The pastoral is about getting distracted

a thing that comes into existence as it is disrupted

Village life/labor being cut out of the pastoral

comes back in the industrial period

Does the locomotive produce the thing it disrupts?

Why is the locomotive planting houses?

The problem with the pastoral is that it's

boring – it has to be invaded and threatened

in order to make a story.

Critique of industrialization & allowing it.

A genre about a landscape or a way of life is already being lost.

Neil Smith – Uneven Development

Capital needs arcadian landscapes to exploit

Pastoral as advertising

Is there a sense of priorness?

Annette Kolodny's The Lay of the Land: Metaphor as Experience in Life & Letters – 1975

Feminist reading of the pastoral

trope to unpeopled the land

Call to use the land

Temporality of the generic trope

The People's Park Protests in Berkeley

Ecofeminism – it's a whole thing

the virgin land – yearning for paradise

magically present on this new continent

Gatsby reading at the end of Marx

the green breast

seismograph

Complex pastoralism acknowledges the reality of history

Are there satisfactory resolutions to pastoral fables?

¿"the old symbol of recovabation is absolute"(364)?

New Symbols of Possibility

Middle Landscape? -- the margin of the city

Twilight mood of the pastoral?

Peter Gabriel returning to the mother's womb in the sex act

The intrusion of the pastoral on the urban

as ruins      SPECIAL SESSION ON RUINS

The New England Village into working

class urban landscapes

Interface of Country & City

the shadow of the city over the pastoral

landscape – umbra – same as the shade under tree

Meditation!

Back to the land movement vs.

back to the village movement

vibrant system of small towns linking the country to the city.