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## *Wilderness House Literary Review 1/4*

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### **this is my hand**

I proceed slowly for I believe this is my hand  
I believe my slow thinking maybe a detriment  
to some who try to listen who appear to be  
much quicker thinkers than myself this being said  
and being said for projected reasons  
one being someone may want to interrupt  
while my explanation is forth coming  
also that someone may think my explanation un-Wittgenstein  
let me try to assure those listeners  
my methodical meanings with philosophical rules in place  
placing lack to those meanings upon myself  
meaning of this is my hand relies on this this is a pronoun  
something close or under immediate discussion  
as adjective being the one near present just mentioned  
or more immediately under observation as adverb  
to such an extent or degree all previous meanings  
apply to my hand but until someone touches my hand  
I am not always certain I have a hand please bare with me  
I do not recognize my hand as such until my hand is touched  
the hand maybe recognized only during certain moments  
and is recognition observed as being as is is is the 9<sup>th</sup> letter  
of the alphabet when taken as I without an s s is the 19<sup>th</sup> letter  
of the alphabet does this mean is is in two places at once  
similar to the meaning of this this then is my is used  
interjectionally  
to express surprise this is my hand hand being what is dealt  
to me  
or an end to my arm this then needs an explanation  
here is my hand apparently attached  
to my arm and does hand presuppose fingers

## **then**

if, then, then, maybe used without meaning  
then words become objects; the object,  
then, becomes form. then, abstracted from  
the idea of language to give meaning.  
separate. separate. a separation  
within conceptual adds form.  
the word, then, forms itself. the word,  
then, opens interpretation for the community  
then becomes then  
even though  
then is used within language  
then is only then  
then being considered adverb  
in addition  
in that case  
then as noun is that time that  
then is also adjective existing at that time  
then is truly then more than description  
then is not only then,  
then is a part of the whole  
that language can be without  
having to describe then as other thens'