Emanation

Kyabchen Dedrol (Translated from Tibetan by Norwu Amchok)

—for Pema Tseden

you interwove subtle threads of light with the sorrows of humanity you interwove glittering drops of dew with the law of birth and death you interwove the colors of saffron with the roars of machines and you interwove the wails of rivers with the sounds of piwangs

you strewed shards of mind-made pearls across white screens you crafted flowers from the feet of snow mountains into men and women

you blurred the distinctions between condoms and balloons and you created a piece of sky symbolizing samsara

you exorcised time and let out sheep one by one you made nirvana sputter on the flames of butter lamps you turned a hairdresser into a thief in the depths of the night and you made lonely Tharlo descend even deeper into loneliness

you milked the liquid butter of sunlight from the smog of cities you inscribed red dots of enticement on the cheeks of barmaids you turned a driver into a killer, making him clutch the knife of impermanence

and you let all your dreams unfold in the forms of sound and image

as if a movie reel with a masterpiece inside was smashed to bits your acts of emanation have concluded momentarily— at the end of the show, the empty screen fills with the tears of the audience

and the poets too are left momentarily at a loss for words

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कुं अविःश्चे स्वाः वेन् विस्तः वीः वन् स्थाः विस्तः विस्ते विस्तः विस्त

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