

elephant

EXPANDING

elephant scuttles // corner unattended // owners
at work // what's it been like // these five six
years // elephant humble // thus winning over //
tough it says // sex scenes // films // tv shows //
expanding head pressed // neck crooked against
ceiling // ankles ballooning // as if on a long-
haul flight

EXISTENTIAL

elephant dark glasses // more accustomed
celebrity // deeply insecure // could again vanish
// into obscurity // or at least be invisible //
questioning importance // could they lead //
perfectly // happily // with me present // ignore
gaudy clothes // soupçon of melancholy

HELPLINE

interviewer limelight // no prior warning //
elephant shock // quietly partaking // low-key
day-to-day // routine then outed // takes sip of
water // visibly shaken // vulnerable // self-
conscious // blanket yanked // elephantliness //
voice-crack break-down // helpline call sensitive

RUIN

weeks now // elephant unveiled // significance //
prominence // house reduced to nothing // weeps
through // mac atlantic blue eyeshadow // free
due to sponsorship // takes sip of gin // crying
more regularly // nobody cares // lives // dies //
shall emerge // can't ignore // light fades to
darkness

TORPOR

owners tip-toe around // months // unwilling //
presence // caught out // sex scene twitches //
not ample // to resuscitate // fans show
concern // elephant's future // this can't go on //
longer vigils // outside the house // second
coming // slow-clap begins

RAMPAGE

a year // no attention // spotlight control //
fourth-wall ruckus // elephant breaks through //
gyrating in owners' faces // rubbing up against
them // now trails of excrement // the house
ignores it // caused this asked who // they are to
blame