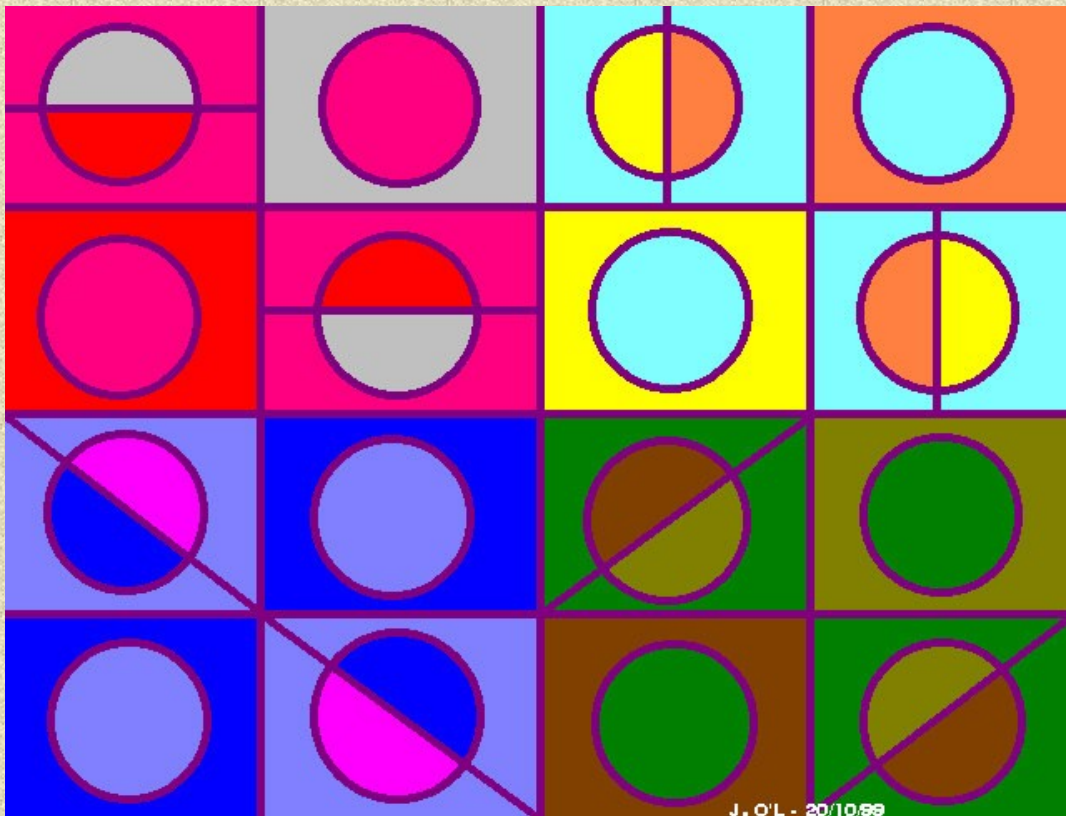


# SUPERCONTEMPLATIONS

A collection of abstract poems by  
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## PREFACE

This collection of non-readerly abstract poetry or, better, poetic word art, dating from 1993, is comprised of some sixty 'poems' utilizing a combination of lower- and upper-case monosyllabic words, thereby extending beyond the lower-case scope of *Contemplations* (1985) into more complex and aesthetically-gratifying examples of the genre which have been described as *Supercontemplations*, since, like their forerunners, they require only to be contemplated and are thus akin to art.

John O'Loughlin, London 1993 (Revised 2008)

# 1

space space SPACE space space  
SPACE SPACE SPACE  
blank blank blank blank blank  
blank blank  
grade grade  
grade grade  
slate  
slate  
stand STAND stand  
stand stand  
plate  
plate  
trade trade  
trade trade  
flank flank  
flank flank flank flank flank  
GRACE GRACE GRACE  
grace grace GRACE grace grace

prize prize sleep prize prize  
 prize PRIZE prize  
 PRIZE PRIZE  
 prize PRIZE prize  
 prize PRIZE PRIZE PRIZE prize  
 plate plate plate  
 plate plate  
 plate plate plate  
 plate plate  
 plate plate plate plate plate  
 dance  
 dance dance  
 dance dance dance  
 dance dance  
 spice spice spice  
 spice SPICE SPICE SPICE spice  
 spice spice  
 spice  
 spice SPICE spice  
 sleep SLEEP SLEEP sleep  
 sleep SLEEP sleep  
 sleep sleep  
 sleep sleep sleep  
 sleep sleep prize sleep sleep

# 3

chest chest check chest chest  
chest CHEST chest  
chest  
chest chest  
chest chest chest  
cheat cheat CHEST cheat cheat  
cheat cheat cheat  
cheat cheat  
cheat  
cheat cheat cheat  
cheap cheap CHEAT cheap cheap  
cheap cheap cheap  
cheap  
cheap cheap  
cheap cheap cheap  
chess chess CHEAP chess chess  
chess chess chess  
chess chess  
chess  
chess chess chess  
check check CHESS check check  
check check check  
check  
check check  
check check check

4

crush crush crush crush crush  
crash crash crash crash crash  
poach POACH POACH POACH poach  
slush slush slush slush slush  
slash slash slash slash slash  
crush crush crush  
crush crush  
crash  
crash CRASH crash  
crash  
poach poach  
poach poach poach  
slush slush slush  
slush slush  
slash  
slash slash slash  
slash