The Book / Or / The Woods
The book that comes apart…
— Melissa Buzzeo, The Devastation

Words change depending on who speaks them; there is no cure.
— Maggie Nelson, The Argonauts

The refrain is the moment when the singer makes it clear that they understand something about what is being lost.
— Juliana Spahr, That Winter the Wolf Came

What if I film my way out of here?
— Guy Maddin

We enter the woods
Book of Ruins
This is the secret
book that comes before
& after

& is marked
by a dagger
through the heart

of the woods
where Y hides
behind Z
the shield
at the end
& the beginning.

This is the prelude
that comes after
the cycle completed

which is a looping fire
in the woods
hidden in the hidden book