

Disciplinarity inter, multi, and trans
Damn we tried hard, as hard as we can
This way or that way, inside or out
Who knows what the hell we were talking about?

Complexity we talked of; complex we were
Emergence we lauded, from him and from her
What bound us, mostly, were battles we've fought
That it ain't what we do; but it is what we ought.

The trans part was easy; the disciplines hurt
To save them, to ban them, to make them inert
Looking backwards were tears, contestation, and laughs
Forwards inspiration we found in indigenous paths

The practical project was inspired by John,
Whose Stellenboschian project was declared to be "on"
The theorists are still in complete disarray
God knows why--they consider such struggles as play.

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