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Donato Mancini

Ligature

Donato Mancini's "Ligature" is composed according to the rule that each word must begin with the same letter sequence that concludes the previous word. Different versions of this work have appeared as installations, in the eponymous book *Ligature* (Vancouver: New Star, 2005), and online (see <http://english.utah.edu/eclipse/projects/ligature/>).

tureen reenter entertain taint intense ensemble emblem blemish mishap
shape aperture

urethane anemone moneyed edge genie nieces cesspit spitball ballast

last staff affect ectomorph orphan

phantom tomalley alley eyelid elide ideate eater

terrapin rapine pineapple applecort

cartilage lager gerund rundown downcast castrato stratosphere heretic

reticent centipede pederast raster asterisk

risky skydive divertimento mentor torment menthol

Hollywood wooden denim nimbus bustier tiered redundant Dante ant-
eater terse seat atop operator torso

soursop soporific fictive veal align ignite iterate teem

embargo Argonaut autopsy psyche cheddar daredevil villanelle

lemur murmur murder derange ranger angered redbird birdbath bathos

hostile stiletto toro roof offer feral almost ostrich riches

chestnut nutrient entrée tree reed reeducate categorical callous louse

seethe ether thermos mosque Quebec become comet metric tricycle

cleft leftwing wingspan spank ankle Kleenex nexus used sedentary rye yeast
Easter stereo reorganised

seduced cede deli lily lyre real allow lower werewolf olfaction action onion
onlay layperson persona

sonant antique queasy asylum luminesce scene enema mach achoo choo
choo

hoover oversold soldier dieresis resist sister sterol

roly poly polysemic semicolon colonel nelson sonar narwhal whale

levee veer erupt rupture urethra thrall allegro

grotesque quest estrange stranger German mantel antelope elope opera
perambulate latex text extreme tremendous doused sedate dateless lessor
Sorbonne bonnet

netted teddy eddying ingrown grown up nuptial altar tart Tartuffe tuffet
fetch etcher cherubic rubicon cone neap apex exalt alter terrain raincoat
oath then hencoop cooperate

atelier era's rascal scallop allophone phoneme nemesis isle sleuth euthanasia

Asianflu fluke lukewarm armpit pith thumb umbilical calibre libretto town
owner

nerves vespers

persimmon monarchic Chicano canoe

noel

Electra tractor

Toronto ontology

gypsy psycho chow howdy dyke keel

elastic stickup upend pending dingo ingot

gotcha chaos Osiris Irish

shy hyena enamor amoral oral rally lyric ricotta Ottawa award warden
Ardennes Ness essay sayest yesterday daybreak breakfast fasten stencil

cilantro trout route utensil tensile silent lentil till illustrate strategist gist
strip Tripoli polite literal ralph

alphabet abet better teriyaki akin kinescope

Copenhagen agenda gendarme Armenia menial alum lumber bereave
eavesdrop dropout pouter

uterus rust

rustic sticker

kerosene Senegal egalitarian answer swerve

vespid spider deride ideal dealer

alerted edit ditto tout outline linen entail tailor lord order dervish Vishnu
nude deacon control troll rollerblade-laden denominator

torrid riddle lever vertigo gore resuscitates test estrogen genre retard
TARDIS disco

scoff office Iceland landscape scapegoat goatee

teetotal talisman Mandarin rinse insecticide cider derail railroad roadie diet

Etruscan scandal dalliance cease aseptic tic toc toccata catastrophe strophe
Ophelia heliacal calligraphy

physical calf alfalfa favor vortex

Texas ascent

centaur Taurus

Russia Siam iambic biceps epsilon longing

gingko Koran orange angel gelato

atom tomato atone toneless lesser seraph

aphid hidden denote noteworthy thyme meal alma mama maim Imhotep

tepid pidgin gingham hamster

steroid idiot iota tarot rotten tendril drill illusion onus

usurped pedestal stale talent lento entomb ombudsman

mango angora orangutan tangerine inept Neptune tuner unerring ringlet
letter terra errata ratatouille

illegitimate maternity typist pistol stole tolerate rateable bleak leaky Kyrie
riesling slingshot shotput putz tzatsiki kiss issue suet ethos

hosea season sonnet network workshop shopaholic

lichee cheetah tahini inimical calorie orient entire tireless lesson

songstress stressed sediment mental tale aleatoric rickshaw hawk awkward
arduous

oust stylite literati atingle gleet ethic hickey keypad padre adrenaline linear
nearby Arby's bystander

Anderson sonata natal talon alone lonesome something hinge ingenuine
inescapable bleach ache chemise miserable bleat leather therefore oregano
anooint intelligent genteel eel else serpent

Pentecost osteoporosis sistrum trumpet Petrarch architrave travel velum
lump

umpire ire redact dactylic lichen chenille illegal galvanise anisette setter
term ermine mineral rale

aleph ephemera

emerald alderman mannequin quince

incessant Santa Claus claustrophobia biathlon London donut nutmeg mega-
watt attempt temptation on online linesman

Manitoba tobacco accordance

dancer cervix vixen enzyme melon elongate gatepost

postal stalk talkie Kiev evict victor torque Queens

ensconce conceal alto towel welfare farewell

wellspring ringdove oven enough ghoul Oulipo liposuction

ionic nickname nametag metagalaxy xylophone phonecard cardigan gan-
der derive river versus Sussex sextuplet

plethora Horace racehorse horseplay playpen pencil cilia Iliad adjourn
journalist

listen stench enchant chanterelle level velvet veteran rancor coruscate cat-
erpillar pillar

larghetto ghetto toga gasp asphalt halter altercate caterwaul ulcer ceramic
micron

crone onetime timeshare harem remorse morsel selfish fisher sheriff riffraff
raffle flesh sheath

heathen Athens ensign signor North orthodoxy oxymoron rondo dodo
odor

dorsal salve alveolar large Argentina inane

anesthetic tic tac toe toe jam jammies Mies van der Rohe

hell ellipsis Sisyphus husband bandstand standoff offal

Falco alcohol holy Olympic picnic nicety

etymological calabash bashful fulsome somersault Sault Sainte Marie

Ariel elbow bowel welcome comedic medicare caress

essence encephalic Alice licensing singular lark

Arkansas Kansas Saskatchewan wane anemia miasma smarmy army myo-
pia opiate tetra trap rappel appellant anthem

hemlock locksmith smithereens enslave lavender dermal malhavoc avocado

adobe Doberman manatee tee pee peewee weep Epsom soma Omaha maha-
rishi

Shia hiatus tush usher Sheraton atonal also solvent ventriloquism

small mallet lethal halibut butcher

Cherokee keen enamel melisma smack acknowledge edgewise wisely Eli-
sion annex next extinct tincture

uretic tickle klezmer merit Eritrea treadmill milligram

grammar margarita Italic lice census suspect spectre

tremolo Moloch ocher cherish shut utopia topiary

Aryan Yankee keep epee peeve even vengeful fulgent gentleman emanci-
pate paté paternal almanac manacle clever evermore

Orestes tesseract actor torch orchard chard hard on Don Juan anchor
chorizo horizon once centre

entrench enchilada adamant manta antagonise sewer Werther thermostat
statute tutelage agent

gentry tryst stop topple pleasant sanctorum rumor

moribund bundle leer errand random domino ominous usurer rerun rune
unequal equaliser

serene enemy myrrh

rhizome omelet
lethargy argyle

Levi evil vile Leda Edam damn amnesty style lest Estonia niacin cinnamon
among mongrel relish

shorn ornamental Taliban banana Nanaimo moan analog logos

gossamer American candelabra abracadabra Abraham ampersand sandwich
ichor chord horde ordeal alarm armed mediocre creep

epoxy oxygen genome omen

mendicant cantos tosspot spotlight lightweight eightfold folding dingbat
batten attenuated tedium umlaut autumn

mnemonic Monicagate agateware warehouse houseplant lantern terneplate
platelet

telethon thong Hong Kong ongoing goings on
sonogram grampa rampart partisan tisane
anecdotal talcum cumuli list string ringer
gerbil bile leash ash shack shackle kleptomania maniacal calculus lust
stele eleven eventual almond Mondrian anew
newspeak speaker kerchief chieftain ain't intake
Akela elate latent entropy pyre ream amber berg
ergot goth other theremin eminency encyclical calico iconoclast asthma
Mars Ars Nova oval Valhalla Allah ahead headstrong strongest esteem
emote
motet tether Hermes mesmerize zebra
brassiere erect rectified Eden
denial album bumpkin kindergarten tentacle clef
effort fortune unenlighten tenant
Nantong tongue guest estimate materialism smart art deco economical
callgirl girlfriend Friendster sterile ileum
Eumenides desk Eskimo kimono monocle cleave leaven avenue venue
nueva trova Ovaltine inefficient
enterprise riser serif rifle flex lexicon concert certificate catechist histrionic
Nichol cholesterol rollick lickety split split second condescend descendant
anthropologist
Istanbul bulimia Miami amid Midgard garden

ardent dental Talmud mudflat flatulent Lenten tennis nissus suspend pendant antipasto pastor

storming mingle glee leech echo cholera ravine vineyard yardstick stickleback backwater waterspout poutine inedible

blear earwig wiggle gleam ammo mole oleander derogate gateau

audio diorama Ramadan dandruff ruffle fleapit pitfall fallow lowbrow browser serve vegan gangrene

renegade adept depth thunder underneath atheist heist stun tundra

drab rabbit bitmap

maple plectrum trump rumpus pusher hero eros rosehip

hippopotamus muscle sclerosis

Sistine ineffable fable blessed sedan dangle glen

Lenin nincompoop pooped pedantic anticipate patent tenth enthusiast astronaut

nautical calamari marital ritalin liner inertia Tiananmen meningitis

Tishri shrivel velcro crow owlsh Ishmael maelstrom trombone boner onerous rousing single glean leaner Neroli olive liver

verboden tenor normal maladjust adjuster sterling lingam

Gambia ambiance ancestor store tore toreador adore Oreos

reopen pentagon agonise Iseult ultramarine mariner Nero erode rodeo

Odeon onslaught laughter terror error Rorschach achieve Everest restful fulcrum

crumb rumble bleep epic pickerel relic elicit citric trice ice cream ream
ambit bitch chakra Kraken

kendo endow dowager wager Gertrude rudeboy boycott cotton tonsil

silver verdure duress resentment mention ion onto toast

astrolabe label Abel belie liege egest gesticulate latest testosterone ronepipe
piper perplex plexiglas glasnost

Nostradamus amuse museum umbra brave raven venom nomad

madam Adam

damsel seltzer zero