

Tombeau IV for Walter Benjamin (1892-1940)

outside the camps you dream the dream of passing
from text to text a yes-or-no night summons its guard
little open-air theatre few are admitted to without recanting
strange tense agreement had he been...he would have...

in the dictionary of impossibilities a man looks up surviving
strictly forbidden by his clan: do not answer little hunchback's
greeting asleep in an overcoat too light for the season.
Penny ante dawn, do not mention the irregular conjugation, old
cortège of double binds abandoned at last.

The quoted passage could be a translation, faulty at that