

overheard on the court at steve vile's tennis practice last tuesday:

1-2-3-4

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p-l-e-a-s-u-r-e

i just wanna

pl

ay

play

play

play

it's placeless but it makes a home out of you

i've never one a

match

(mis- match)

i'm always a winner at heart

a good sport

a very good sport

let's practice

and anyways maybe it's really some kind of

mis-match

cause a match implies us being on the same playing ground

(always)

all i really want is to play

u-n-i-n-t-e-r-u-p-t-e-d

play

what's the position of losing ?

(interesting to me)

(beats me)

i may be a loser
but
i don't know if i've lost anything

no one to play with

(go get 'em champ)

no failure

to be
found

i'm an active loser

i try my best
and that must count for something

it could take the match
could count for everything

this is something to celebrate

my dad encourages me to find someone to

play with

play with

play with

and that's okay

but the thing is sometimes other people don't wanna play

.

(i get it)

cause what happens when you gotta play but don't wanna ?
when you forget about your pleasure in play ?

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bad sportsmanship, that's what.

& that's a real loss,

for everyone

foul play

& anyways

it's important to be able to play with your

self .

(my dad says that too,

& he's a
scientist.)

society's games are competitive

always

playing-to-win

what about
playing- t o -play ?

(p4p)

playing for the pleasure in it

.

there's a lot of wanting involved in it-

someone to
play with,
finding the ways
your body can move

guy told me:

we play with great reluctance
even when there

are no winners or losers

to the game.

they say you've got to be a professional
or else you fall out of it

but no not this guy
i love the game

i just wanna play

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lay

p

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what are my desires ?

i want to tell you about all of the things i've been doing
i want you to hear it

(bubble wrap pops and all)

i want you to be excited
(like books for cheering)

hooray !

i want you to feel exasterbated with joy

un pleasure
con trol
l able

(beyond the realm of any physics quantifiable)

i want you to have

e v e r y t h i n g

you could
or
couldn't have
ever
imagined

(i want it to be
yours)

&
(should i make myself clear-
in case i
missed it
or
you
or
you missed
it
or

me
or
you
or
us
or
this
)

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i want you to know there's an empty space here

(

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an empty impression
slowly rising
from the cushion

(never fully reinflating)

want you to know

you are
missed