

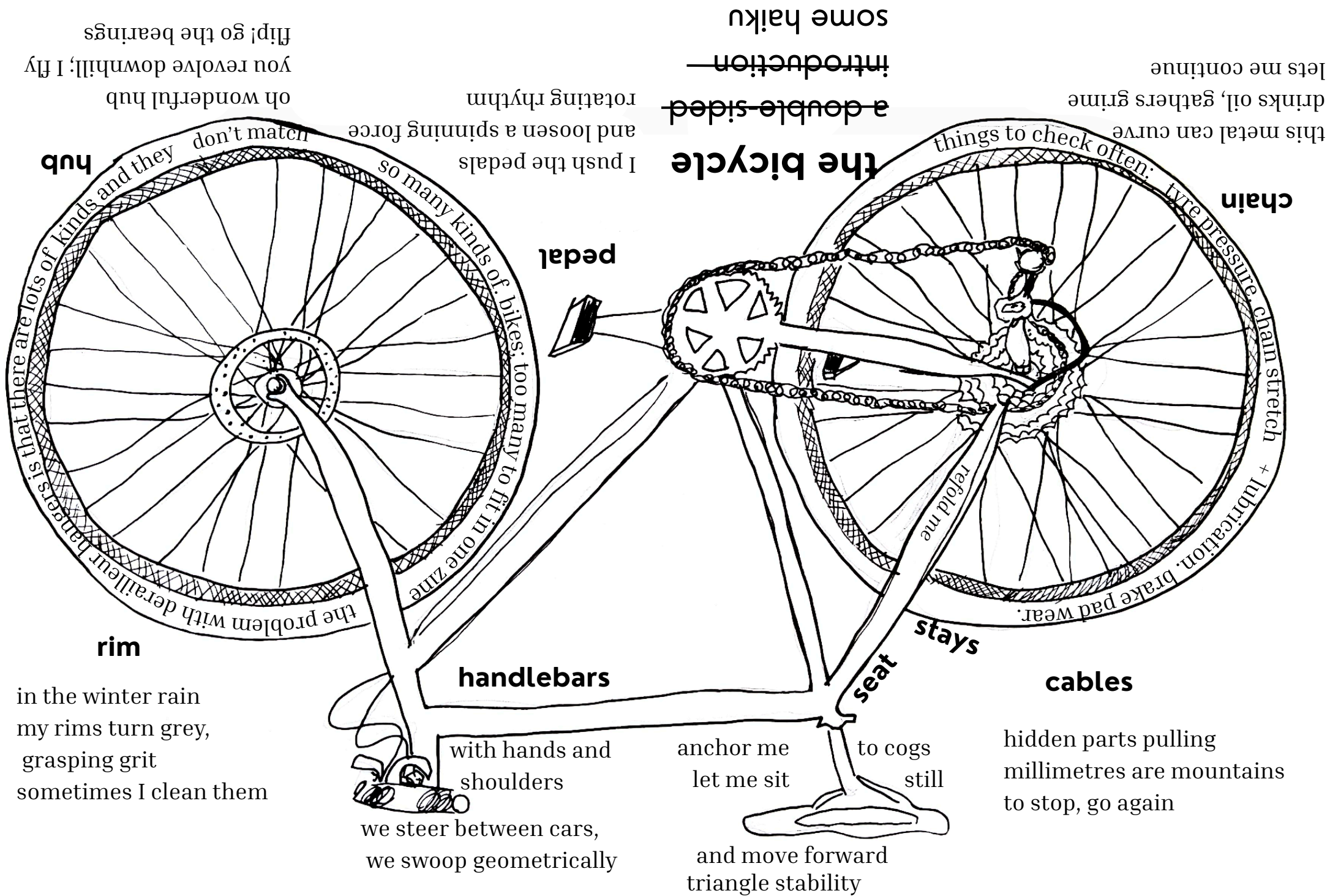
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## the bicycle

### a double-sided introduction

a circular sprocket attached to the cranks, which are attached to the pedals, and drive the bike forwards

a mechanism which moves the chains onto different rings of the cassette, changing how fast the back wheel spins



hub

chain

pedal

handlebars

seat

stays

cables

rim

oh wonderful hub  
you revolve downhill, I fly  
flip! go the bearings

in the winter rain  
my rims turn grey,  
grasping grit  
sometimes I clean them

I push the pedals  
and loosen a spinning force  
rotating rhythm

we steer between cars,  
we swoop geometrically  
with hands and  
shoulders

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the bicycle

anchor me  
let me sit  
to cogs  
still  
and move forward  
triangle stability

hidden parts pulling  
millimetres are mountains  
to stop, go again

this metal can curve  
drinks oil, gathers grime  
lets me continue

things to check often:  
tyre pressure  
chain stretch + lubrication.  
brake pad wear.  
refold me

the problem with derailleur hangers is that there are lots of kinds and they don't match  
so many kinds of bikes: too many to fit in one zone