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- ① No other place I have visited / has made such an impression on me / as Rano Raraku, / the volcanic crater that served as the quarry / where Easter Island's enormous stone statues were carved. //
- ② Perhaps you have heard of Easter Island. // It is the world's most remote habitable land, / lying far out in the Pacific Ocean, / 2,300 miles west of the coast of Chile. //
- ③ Scattered over the crater's walls / are 397 stone statues, / each representing a long-eared, legless, human male torso. // The largest is 70 feet tall / (taller than the average five-story building), / and they weigh from 10 to 270 tons. //
- ④ There are 97 other statues / scattered along the roads, / as if abandoned, / and evidence of hundreds more, / many of which had been deliberately pulled down. // Yet Easter Island's people / possessed no cranes, wheels, or means other than human muscle power / to move the statues. // Who carved them, / how did the carvers move such huge masses, / and why did they finally pull them all down? //

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フレーズ読みの訳例が入ります。