

AFTER THE VIGOROUS CAUSEWAYS

Behind the vigorous roadways

And the concrete blocks

Stands impassibly

The other side of the ritual:

Two sounds in matter

Over the iris,

Deaf and torn

Under the point of a pin,

Meanwhile, the bottle and the smoke

Melt

In an endless valley.

And, like insatiable pendulums,

The open mouths

Await the ashes

Of the sunken and subtle monster.

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