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Trembled

there were holocausts
in Africa maybe that
was it that night at
the carnival the air
trembled

where have the gypsies
gathered in this life

infinitely misunderstood

I want the music to
take me to the arctic
dream chamber

swinging off the power
lines like ski lifts

Opera Eulogy

my friend said

“it’s only the
wind that rustles
the leaves”

the border where
the vigil meets
the town

Love at the
desk maintains
the rest
surrounds

the end of history
a great opera eulogy

the unlighted star

somewhere between
a promise & a
scar where the
world was created

survived Death
thru a promise
now there’s
no free will

to drink the
whole Western
River for the
blessed consummation

Detheburgher

inverted neo-
primitive (converted)

dressed up as scapegoat

“give me industrial
strength paint thinner”
says the first century
christian martyr

I burned the paper bridges
it's just hope & dread

afraid of the strangers
and afraid to be a
stranger
 detheburgher

to see her in
a perfect world

Condemned

the stars are
watching me in
this dumb canyon

light contrives
with darkness

teeth grow

the gravedigger
moseys on stage
pockets in hands
“this place needs
to be condemned”

blindness cured at
a deserted boardwalk

then this obsequious
effeminate troll
brings me a new
plague from Time

En nègre blanc

He loves to
let the script
steep in a
bitter draught

to be meek
yet unable to
serve in this
world staring
at the floor
with negro
angels

between rising
and falling there's
a grotto where
you must lie
and listen to
the river go by

culling the
nectar from
a self-
imposed doom

you're ashamed
and don't know why

Rimbaud typed his
manuscript threw it
in a closet and left

Capacity Disaster

spin quest mid direction
wreck glycerin intestine
insulin infection check
pin pool section trek
inspection flex bin tool
neck reflect stool joint
point paralysis parallel fist
slick gel disk analysis twist
prick esophagus pick blister
splatter tick task blaster
gastric click mono tracker
flick nasty monitor master
flask gas capacity disaster
janitor matter ligament plaster
planet pigment plasma bladder
asthma dragnet vent hazard
parliament paid pain shatter
detain brake garment grade
torment crane shake decade
drain torpedo shook arcade
tripod train hook grenade
shock remain block blade
trade frame lame barricade
tock main insane stockade
rocket raid stock invade
socket knock aid tame shade