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NO NOTS

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hearNOTS, seeNOTS, speakNOTS, freeNOTS, beNOTS—
the shalnots of notknowers setting their nottraps:

savesoul pushers push godboxed narrow nays

praying pundits mutter behind muzzled lips

righteous warriors grope gunbarrel-bound flesh

dumb martyrs speak tongues beating stunned ears

dollar mongers stuff hungry maws full of gagcash

holy dogmas bangbomb in unholy wars

porno puppets shove cocks numb down dull holes

techno zealots rape love between chatroom clean sheets

psychos sightless plunge blissful in prozac freefalls

gene breeders tie tight life-spliced deathknots.

Well known are the ways to deadmen's noway—
NOhear, NOsee, NOSpeak, NOfree, NObe.

Brighton, MA