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People in cities flow
with electricity of movement.
They sift with sandy precision
through the well oiled veins
of atomic symmetry.

A form of mass electrocution,
a mass of form conversion,
like coal into diamonds,
or white skin into black dust.

We are driving down the highway
at sixty miles an hour.
Don't shine your brights at me,
lordy,
don't shine your damn bright
lights at me.

II.

Electric
Symmetric
Atomic
Demonic
Magnetic
and hectic,
our time is limited
by the conversion-rate of carbon.
Our conversion is religiously controlled
by a Vatican vacuum.

III.

White bearded Daddy Whitman,
your time has gone with your body
electric.
Your body has returned to dust,
the pages of your musty notes
have decomposed and changed their form
to sub-atomic particles
of electric nerve impulses.

Speak to me,
Daddy.