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FRONT STREET

Dirty drunk
On Front Street wine
 Darkened from city soot
 Of a crumbled antiquity
 Reddened from War-Won wounds
 Bearing birth into a
 Battleborn era.

“I’ll have
Red mudpics, please . . . ”
 For dinner
 Crusted fingers
 Dirt-caked
 Desert
 Away
 Far
 Away
 Running down
 Day into night
 Straight streets
 Winding wide
 Into
 Converging narrowness
 Where lined pluralities of polled torches burn
 Into
 One
 Massive glow
 Of tumbling buildings
 Falling to a sky
 Shaken to the ground
 Where sound
 Slips slowly
 From sight
And a filthy shadowed
Figure falls facing
Himself for the first time.

FRANK DELLY