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Paris,  
 Your pictures flatter you!  
 You do yourself no favor  
 to whisper nasally  
   'mid concertina strains  
     seductive summonses  
     to those who court you  
     from afar!

Dame of heat and show  
 you are;  
 facsimiles, reports and dreams  
 be ye content to give  
   your lover  
   from afar . . .

forbear to bare your countenance  
 as you've uncovered it  
 to me,  
   sallow  
   in unmysterious hautier  
   overcompensatory  
   profaning penury in  
   unprivy promiscuity  
   bohemian bluster,  
   libidinous luster . . .

Small wonder  
 the face of  
 Notre Dame  
 is sombre  
   steeped in shadowed sorrow,  
   her prostrate gothic corpus  
   straining  
   in vain  
   to crawl  
   on weary buttresses  
   away  
   from your embrace  
   in seine  
   insane . . .



If there is truthful beauty  
in you,  
despite your nakedness  
— 'au natural' —  
and bolden protestatious  
of Gallic frankness,  
I have not seen it  
but Eiffel phallies only  
and vaginal arches  
whose frequent bedding  
begets but a  
boorish brood  
of  
exhibitionists  
triumphant!

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