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The thoughts
that prop open the lids of the inner eye
have always suggested
a behind-the-door ill-lighted crouching——
a searching
for that crude half-circle
that symbols shallow release.

When found, a swirling self through . . .
Penetrations
of mind-born clouds dripping with obeisance——

Salivary salutations to veneered sovereignty.

Injections of the pseudo-image
Surge out in ecstatic impulse.

Watering poisons,
Dulling regrets.

But pedestals are only air puffs
Floating, slowly betraying, halting

While gusts still journey,
Even around tombstones,

Picking up veined travellers,
Returning them to their darkened stoop

On the other side of the door.

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