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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 naturel" — and bolden protestations 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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