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Literary

DISTRACTIONS

DOING DIRTY DRUDGERY

Doing dirty drudgery
In a white soled bureaucracy.
Make it to be mockery,
because of blatant hypocrisy.

Now dig another hole.

Walking on the beach
in vacation station land,
clear salt and sea and sand,
clear thought, it's me I'm grand.

Production levels lacking
it's the workers who are slacking
reprimand them all.

Pure jealousy arrives, you see cages in their eyes.
Your wings they say are free.
Ours are clipped and torn,
feathers eaten by fleas, the compromise of democracies.

Workers on their knees,
memos shoved down their throats,
you must protect your ass.

Swatting at the flies
that try to land and lick your eyes.
It's the sign of our demise.

Flies always hover.
A dead mass, maggots cover.
Respect no silver casket,
or heads in woven baskets.
Criminals in us all.

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HOT SUMMER NIGHT

It happened one night when we were adventurous-
We got in the car after calling some friends
Went out for a drink and scope out the babes...
The girls were checkin' out the men-
There they were, twinklin' their eyes-
It was a hot summer night.
"Look who just came in!"
I was excited but my friend was quicker
The kettle was on and all steamed up
But he was that much slicker
And they were there, gigglin' and fluffin'-
It was a hot summer night.
A song that was playin' made me feel lonely
There was no one to dance...
Who would notice? 'Cause my friend was glowin'
And the girls were throwin' themselves at him-
It was a hot summer night.
Maybe I should've worn a red shirt
Maybe I'm too young or too old
Maybe I need to get rid of these glasses
Perhaps I'm too shy or too bold-
There they were, kickin' their heels up-
It was a hot summer night.
"Thanks for introducing us," says my friend polite
And I waved them both goodnight
And wondered why it wasn't me-
Perhaps the time's not right?
It was a hot summer night.

Chris H.

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