

Redactor: gathering limbs
scattered by the storm, leaves
staining red the edge of the sea

steel cage concrete floor
murderers rapists deserters

the criminally insane
under the unforgiving sun

behind him

Capacitor: building pressure
at the atomic level sparks
discharged across the abyss

getting off on getting into
bringing the luminous to light
through memorized lines

the snakepit institutions with grounds
for appeal adrift with catatonics

brains in a manner of speaking
removed for their own good

the odor of death in life
up and down the corridor

behind him

Ego scriptor: in his own juices
a brisk stir now and then
watch it doesn't boil over

practicing the pre-Dorian
art of turning gray sitting
still before a looking glass

worrying beads and knots
self-interfering integrities
teased out of memory

personal letterhead transfigured
from a calligraphic profile

once posed for into the phrase
J'AYME DONC JE SUIS

Prestidigitator: precise
dissociation become
a trick of willful ignorance

accentuate the positive
eliminate the negative
latch onto the affirmative

the luminosity of being
right about money for example
eclipsing the atrocities

thirteen years no trial
then twenty on a short leash

thanks to lawyer publisher wife
and head head-doctor swearing

once the politics changed he was
and always would be of unsound mind

hopeless and harmless *in totidem verbis*
more a nuisance than a danger

Intelligence love beauty the process
slow the way exceeding fine
bones of things in the mouth of time

when not like a shot *furiosus*
from perception quicksilver
swift as a swallow after a gnat

only those of the willing able
to perceive and experience
making it out intact

giving voice to voices given
Do not eat the brain sd Iamblichos
Do not eat the heart.