

## Spray

They started spraying at night under emergency orders  
from the Governor to catch the wind and moisture  
just right with funding from the President to kill  
they said a Worm which would if not stopped destroy  
the multi-billion dollar industry our food  
supply depends on, the safest food supply  
in the world a blue fog rolling through the lights  
where they set up camp perfectly safe they said  
but stay indoors pets and children with you, windows  
shut, air conditioners off, a blue fog  
hissing out of the nozzles of ground-rigs and tractors,  
rolling down from helicopters and planes through  
the flashing red white and blue of the cop cars  
sheriff's vans the border patrol and highway patrol  
the national guard and here and there in some of the more  
out of the way places the regular army  
rolling through the loudspeakers telling us  
not to worry it's approved by the EPA  
can't hurt people or birds or other living things  
born or unborn only the Worm so please go home  
let the trucks through the workers do their job  
a blue fog rolling across the fields and orchards  
the forests and rangelands wherever the Worm might hide  
the lakes and streams rivers and coasts playgrounds and parks.

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