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I am chocked,  
blocked,  
stocked,  
and shocked  
full of sadness.

Riveting against the tumblers  
at my wheels,  
reverberating shadows at my eyes,  
Trembling discordant views which  
shatter harbored  
remembrances of padlocked beauty  
and unlocked pain, slicing, dicing,  
splicing  
gashes.

anon of the beauty of boys  
in tight trousers, cigarette  
or saxophone at their lips  
suspended ardor in their notes,  
smoke curling, schooling, "suicidally beautiful"  
eyes and brows  
launched anew with  
the fervor of flies  
trundling across eyes  
of emaciated children,  
old men, Daddy,  
chained in hospital corridors,  
scabs, lips,  
belonging to  
tight-trousered boys of 1944

Calling for blocked  
Shocked  
Locked  
daughters, breasts chocked full  
of sadness as they  
spoon feed their sons.

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