

You are Getting in the Way

lick the stick
to the sharp parts

saving money for a day or two
and losing interest

in very small print
how to put on
a rubber

gracefully

fantasies
everyone dying
except me

the government is there all the time
with lobster coloured sugar

smoke in the houses
animal smells but not cornbread

the DJ is a monk
with a driftwood lamp

Christmas carols
and beanbag ashtrays

no cars
riding trams uptown

how many people are raving
little fish and little tails

how fragile nothing is in Poland
a repeat life flash

from day to day match
wrinkle designs to skin

fashion crawled all over you
now I lie me down to sleep

Cardinal Sundowns

(Elblag, Poland)

tell me of the shadows
hither in St. Nicholas

late in the evening
in the gibber and gabber

with domino Roger
late in the evening

baba baba
in the bean poles

in the beetroots
late in the evening

plastic knees on palms

twins of my bosoms
jimmied into shiny skin

Danzig-Gdansk

an umbrella in my hand
a mirror in my eyes

play kiss me
watch all the indie

me and a toy cow
you can ride

half drunk
with a mouldy old ghost

in the house
of 100 beers

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old spooks
hold their heads
in their hands

Alstom Turbine Factory

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wake up
at 6am
pour coffee powder
into cup
stir
this is called Turkish coffee
'cept it's not
walk out
into rain
past the shovel boy
bones and hair
flash security
scuttle into room
teach how
to negotiate
come
home
eat cereal