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MORE THAN A SLICE OF ROAST BEEF
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to see the sun set
over the gas tanker
you have to be on
the Walt Whitman

Kabalevsky hangs
in the air

this is an age
of mutation
with varying
degrees of garlic

when you can't solve
the puzzle put
the pieces in your mouth
like a pacifier

waterboarding is
for chumps
let's both remember
cherries I'll
take care of the table

MORE THAN A SLICE OF ROAST BEEF

why don't you put on
your party dress
& eat a peanut butter
sandwich I'll vacuum

& invite the neighbors
they can take turns
telling us how it is

in the city there is
a room where there is
no cure for profit
Charles Francis Adams

knew J.P. Morgan had
the "elements of
power" but had some
doubts about his ability

to organize the railroads
they'd need more
than a slice of roast beef
& a fizzy drink

I don't know what
happened people
got rich several days
a week some probably

drank themselves silly

IT'S POSSIBLE

It's possible

to write out
silence, stack
quiet on quiet.

To have extreme
freedom within
limits.

The cyclist begins

ascent. The
chain moving
across the gears.

Wind. Breath in
the mouth.

It's possible

to ride out
silence, pull
quiet from quiet.

To have extreme
limits within
freedom.

The cyclist begins

descent. The
gears putting
their teeth

in the chain.
Breath. Wind in
the mouth.

It's possible this is silence.

It's possible silence is cycling.

It's not possible to write silence.

after Pope L.