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i'm getting sick of  
goody-goody nuns  
who walk hand in hand with  
cynical criminals  
and dance to the  
same  
twisted tones  
of the black and white discoteque . . .  
what ever happened to  
wide-eyed figure skaters  
that trip and fall  
in the public sunlight  
but  
jump back up  
reskating

throngs of seasoned passengers  
and i  
clutch to a sinking ship  
during a raging storm . . .  
don't panic  
they console me  
see the waterwalking coast guard captain  
off in the distance . . .  
i reply  
i'm nearsighted

an occasional clown  
in a procession of mourners  
is enough  
to postpone the funeral  
for a day (at least) . . .  
lookout mr. clown  
your looseness  
may get you stiff  
remember the mourner's motto  
if you can't join 'em lick 'em

why don't the headless ostriches  
turn off the air raid sirens  
destroy the fallout shelters  
pick up their heads  
and become  
sweat lovers  
for some needy  
construction company

i wish i could  
vomit out  
the two-ton balance sheet  
that's rooted to my gut  
then in its place  
i would plant a  
weightless dove  
pregnant with  
soaring eagle  
and nail a sign  
to my head and heart  
that says  
accountants forbidden

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