

## **Mortimer Nova**

### **"The Lad Is A Reptile"**

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and then for no reason at all, there's the cocked head  
of confusion  
vommiting a stream of consciousness, a conversation  
with your house pet  
discernable only in a state of mind trailing your instinct  
perpetuated by failure and sleep deprived insanity

but then is it something we tell, something we've  
written down  
foreign screams too loud to silence, too hard to ignore  
set the house on fire

the understood "we" of it all, sharing his mind with  
satan  
barking obscenities leading to desperate conclusions  
don't stop at that light, those signs aren't meant for  
you  
writing that list of regrets only leads to a single answer

but then is it something we tell, something we've  
written down  
foreign screams too loud to silence, too hard to ignore  
set the house on fire

tonight, it's raining flames  
no one lived and now i'm free

the neighborhood gathered around making forked  
tounge accusations  
and those memories, so unsettling, pushed their way  
back into vision

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