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"Rebuilding Babylon"

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This petty day labor will make a ghost of a man, turn
him into the beast
from which he ran, unmated steel and stone precarious
agent divine,
wait the meaning into what the architect does define.
What looks like ruins are really the parts in play for the
rebuilding,
deliberate landscape the omnipotent victim of history
unyielding.
Oh the mess of this construction dump can strain the
vision, IÂ'd like to
leave this place for awhile and then come back and see
the great city.
Nicene engines chant the dogma of ruthless revival,
tuneless bravado for
this mandate of survival, foundation of the ages
augmented tasteless
times, precognitive graveyard of incidental context
crimes.
A man can be so lost in this psychosomatic deliverance
of fate, he
knows not where to find the self in the jury of the state.
The automatic making can leave the soul in a place
unmade, IÂ'd like to
leave this place for awhile and then come back and see
the great city.
So this faith based construct overloads the senses,
under this world
ending weight the earth winces, it is the snake nubile in
its new skin,
the wreck of Eden the dire feed of the next has been.
If man is meant immortal well let him butcher so he
may build, and if he
will be a strangerÂ's child to meaning let him remain
unskilled.
Rebuilding Babylon can turn the quest into the eternal
question, IÂ'd like
to leave this place for a while.

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