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66.

Should I speak to you about the dream?

(mint leaves in my hair, something rotting in my-)

Under the immense pleasure of
conformity, I found myself delivering

flower boxes with body parts

Under the immense comforting plane of conformity-

He told me to go into the town and bring him back some
women. I asked him what he meant. He didn't answer,
just said Do it.

I took them by the hand, brought them to the door.

Eventually I found myself delivering

flower boxes with body parts.

*Ravening clouds, the burial
clouds, in black masses spreading.*

(Dickinson/Whitman)

67.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER 2.

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youthinkI'mstupidfuckyoufuckyo
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motheranIcemommyanicermommyget
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68.

Here's a happy place.

Sun on rooftops. Sun in blue. Hissy happy foam.
Nothing so safe as the sun.

Nothing so safe as blue.

"Fire safety officers inspected the furnace and gave it
the all-clear.

It is easy to cast this as negligence, but council
workers checking a furnace can hardly be expected to be
on the lookout for buried families." (BBC News)

For imprisoning his daughter and (so safe as
the) raping her for 24 (car the yard the)
fathering six (blue) by her, and (in and out
and in and out and) imprisoning (what is well?
what wet?) three (safe as the) he can serve
(sun the sun serve the sun) a maximum of 15 (in
blue happy blue) years.

sun so safe, safe in the car, safe in the yard

whereas my mouth

whereas my vagina. whereas my nipples. whereas my eyes.

69.

A million, billion fishes trace the swirly whirly wet

tongueless, lidless fishes

nick the sunlight with their scales.

Once I had a girl on Rocky Top, half bear, other half cat

wild as a mink, but sweet as soda pop

I still dream about that.