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## Baking Bread

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Beyond everything unreal  
Nothing is the only verity

- finding a blind spot  
of a mortar shell

lighting the pilot light  
as the sniper's eye blinks -

Crazed calculations  
Courting involuntary muscles

- as if the body could absorb  
the blow and make the brain

disown the pain when the entrails  
rise ethereal like batter dough

and a salty crust begins to form  
on the burning shivering lips -

The mind striving in vain  
To reason with the stomach

- you peer through the oven  
window and there's nothing

except a hissing sound and  
a fermented breathing essence

that for a moment makes you believe  
there must be something beyond nothing -

But what's that got to do  
With snipers with snipers and mortar shells:

Nothing if you haven't been there

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