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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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