

## **Noise Pollution**

You live inside a radio  
Someone is always changing the dial  
The frequency of my cries cannot compete  
For your ear

Hello?  
Hello?  
How are you doing?  
Is everything ok?  
Do you remember when?

I'm fine  
Yes I

Oh now you're gone  
The volume up again  
A strange new song  
Or maybe talk, talk, talk  
The government, the coming race war, the voice of God?

Swallow this and maybe you can sleep  
Maybe I can sleep

No it is for your own good

Maybe you need to go away awhile  
There are doctors

Am I talking to myself?

Turn the radio down

## **Love Letter**

You were a poppy seed  
Giant and revolutionary  
Your mere suggestion  
Swung low a sweet wrecking ball  
Into the fortress of our plans  
The insulation of our dreams  
The vault of our hearts

We sat in a sand dune  
Rearranging the furniture of our quotidian  
To make room for you  
The poppy seed  
We even gave you a name

Did you feel the forehead of the sky  
And sense the world running a fever  
Did you see too many  
Not too different from you

Come back with fragments of lead in their brains  
Steel in their stomachs  
And nothing in their digestive tract

Did you consider the hospital  
Where you might bloom  
And detect the stench of death

What made you sink  
Into the soil

Where you still live

### **Gore Vidal, RIP**

Elderly, cracking and patrician  
As wise as the wind  
As self-assured as a train whistle  
As bitter as asparagus piss  
Your voice whispered a come hither

I followed your finger curl  
To bacteria ridden library computer terminals  
Contracts with the decimal point in a sad place  
And tents of knowledge on sweaty streets

Now here I am  
A little boy  
Wearing his grandfather's suit



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