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they dance around a  
red wheel barrow that  
now has turned  
green  
and now blue  
now yellow

they laugh with each other  
though no sound is  
heard

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the demons circle,  
again  
jumpropes in their claws  
some of them  
have gloves on  
some don't  
claws show through gloves  
talons  
long nails  
what an imagination they have  
they swing the ropes  
through their neck  
somehow  
they swing the rope up  
from their feet  
up in front of their beings  
yet instead of passing it  
up over their heads  
they swing the ropes up  
right through  
their necks  
they wear street shoes  
black  
worn  
soles  
some well shined  
others dull black  
they wear black robes  
and their claws show  
through white dinner jacket dress gloves