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the demon
take the demon
let your imagination
set his features
out for you
describe the demon
in your art
this has so far
saved my
life perhaps
it will save yours
a hideous mask it wears
big wens and white chalked skin
sprouting horns from
all over its face
and the horns retract
and come out again
the horns glow a yellowish light
a yellow orangish through the lampshade
sort of glow
seeing this
with my eye
seeing here
on my poem page
has made the things called
human that are out
in streets seem
angels by comparison

-- Steve Richmond

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