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I live in
a neighborhood
of dope addicts

I live on
earth

I live in my poems
here I create life

life of snails and honeysuckles
and lilies
and a fig tree

birds I feed each morn

maybe I'm too proud
demons nod their heads
up and down up
and down

how they shake their heads
up and down

now side to side
no
they signal

but I don't think they are
now telling me I'm
not too proud

now in circles they
revolve their heads
round & round

now they hold their heads
absolutely still
and stare at me

blink their eyes

long lashes
with a bit of powder blue

makeup