

AFTER THE PRESIDENT VISITS BITBERG AND ETV SHOWS THE
LIBERATION OF THE CAMPS

I dream I'm on a
packed train trying
not to fall under
the rushing wheels
no place to sit
and I'm thirsty
I can't talk no
place to pee or
sleep destination
uncertain. I'll never
get back to where
I've left my car or
poems or lips
I trusted. Out of
the black, forms with
cold blue eyes rise
and threaten like
shapes suddenly
there on a sheet
that was blank you
try to wash

MADONNA OF THE EDGES

is always at
the point of
losing her
footing

CYNICAL MADONNA

reads therapist
as the rapist

BIBLE THUMPERS MADONNA

keeps waiting for
the second coming

ONION RING MADONNA: 1

she'll expect
you to eat
her, will get
cold fast if
you don't

ONION RING MADONNA: 2

goes good
with beer
or without it

ONION RING MADONNA: 3

slides down easy
but might keep
you up all night

ONION RING MADONNA: 4

has more layers
than you'd
first suppose,
peels for you

ONION RING MADONNA: 5

eat her in
bed and you'll
wake up
in crumbs

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