

none of them knew
what was going on
in those camps
here in Cambridge
there's a huge banner in Central Sq
GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS
MAY THEY ALL RETURN HOME SAFELY
human concern is implicit
but for whom?
our troops of course
let everyone else rot in hell
why not admit it?
religion has not taken hold
nothing else of importance has either
except the usuals
me myself & I
oh yes
you too
once in a while

rebuilt psyche

blame it on my past
or the influence of Colin Wilson
perhaps I listened to Lenny's records
too often
maybe it was a woman
who managed to get underneath
my intricate security system
a young man with an open trusting nature
in search of goodness
is just begging for hard times
I soaked up so much shit
it recoiled
not once
more like a half dozen times
in a period of 14 years
it was enough
to keep me
sorting it out
for the rest of my life

one of those American koan moments

just because I've driven
cab
doesn't mean I know anything
about cars