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The scandal is within—
unfolding at the stop of a pulse,
and disquieted by the sight
of Narcissus' reflection.
Simulacra faces simulacra
during a battle of © attrition.
One vestige to face the day
and another for layaway,
shaped in the shadow
of last night's disgrace.
Cheap thrills and synthetic smiles
paint morose tones
and pitch bullshit
across a fetid landscape.
Money talks triumphantly:
a withering conscience
gasps for one last chance
atop the soap box,
before the bank
borrows it back.
Live alive lie life
and shake hands
with the mute can of worms
directing the marionette.
(Chisel an epitaph in skin
and pray for reality
to work today.)
Go buy 500 shares
of Give a Fuck Brand
social security plans
and dream lucid to foresee
progeny.
Playtime never ends
when Jack has the world to tease,
the world to please,
and a quaint box with all the proper amenities
of the twenty-first century.