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Do you have any kind of doors
install them and fix them in place
Not to hear Them
not to see Them.

Any kind of doors
as long as they are doors
Their closing system to be functioning well
but their opening system to be easy to break
by help of simple mechanism to close them
and not to open them any more.

Not to hear Them how They hear Themselves
not to see Them how They see Themselves.

With Their sounds
made of empty cans
In Their clothes
made of spotted cellophane.

Let us tie around our necks
washed ties
let us put on our pants from dry cleaners
Let us throw away the receipts which were given for service
when we carried away our watches
to be repaired
And let us close the doors with excellent mechanism
to prevent those who are with us
inside
from coming from outside.

Close the doors
and order one door more from the fat repairman
secure yourself with locks
and security devices

when you will be asleep with a sweet dream
that They do not come to you to have tea and biscuits without rights.

Move yourself into the basement
live with the rats
and with dampness
in the pleasant world of rats and dampness.

Don't allow Them to knock at your doors
order doors without knocking
Invincible
thick doors
can help you
only those
Doors which are still being perfected
and are produced one by one
by very complicated tools in the open space.

Hammer in thick boards
on the slot made for the small letter that we expect to come
and make children's boats
of the paper
which you were keeping for the answers.

Make children's boats
and let them go through the drainpipes
let them be small submarines.

Live off doors
on their inner side
Bite them
eat
drink them
Lose your weight because of them
and gain your weight because of them
Cultivate them
warm yourself on them
and shiver close beside them.

Die
but do not revive memories
of an elevator
which brought you where you are

of a travelling companion
and tomato juice.

Only sometime
so that you do not become mad
allow your friends to visit you
but let Them come in through other passageways
Those doors *do not open*.

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