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Nattered Door

twenty sonnets

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Nattered swajkcol

nattered at the sloping fork c
lung d rape d ounce o fornication
toilet swirling in the leaves bunk o'
drippings clippings cawings slawings shapes
trouserred with your caps

bust and tsub and meat and taem and
flout and tnuolf and gosh and hsog and
rat and tar and flunk and knulf and
pits and stip and lunging and gnignul and
flowered with your aspirina

low I cowered with the spinners
shore I derehtal with the selgna
core I moldered with the chinups
spore I derettups with the swajkcol

Seen pockets

seen ahead the simplex dim-like ,trunt
best ,to shower female ,to heel a
head dimple)"grinny"(stug shunt
,polded in the clouthouse ,drainy
sink explosion

chud and knock and grim and tore and
blat and me'd and dool and fine and
whup and age and gnarl and ass and
know and bloods and mutt and drawl and
blink revulsion

wore you halving in the sudden?
wore you chowing in the planar?
wore you cashing in the chinleak?
wore you beaning in the pockets?

Hush me

hush smite junk shoe fat
heap smatt jerk shine fold
half slunk jolt shut fungus
hump sloped jake shat fence
jabbering like a lentil

dubs the bathrobe in the wodahs
daims the reniart in the sewer
cracks the porndex in the rewohs
cribs the ekarbksid in the indecks
wallowing like a pencil

my shade my combo tuneup what I
you stolen blamed the watch was or
happed the shindig like yr hammer
daw ah gut tumescence ,blabber me!

Rash glass

rash of dusters in yr locus t ame
dolmen)“hat”(cushion floats a bove
the corpse pit smouldered laundry with
a leg a hand a jaw towel knotted

blood tree smoking

dam nor shit nor loot nor gust nor
flog nos dime nos smut nos wasp nos
dish nom nail nom plug nom fuel nom
trap not shove not kill not meal not

mud knee choking

was rats behind the dreaming face
was soup behind the empty cage
was fence behind the tumbled air
was crawl behind the sugared glass

Nano clawed

nano nano – dropped – eh fono
planked ,was gniknilb – chain saw
,ice sand in blood – held a
cracker on “my” nose – expelled

faucet coughing

club born blank plocket gum
troubled moo – spun chicken – block
habit eats yr frantic shadow and a
seeping ear – tomato juice – meats

closet flopping

and brain and crust and boom and gnut
and famp and rote and knife and slat
and mask and dun andn gnote and rife
and brot and gnat and heist and clawed

Hash flute

hash haunted like your icepink looter
soon mumbled like your fountain shifter
noos delbmum like your niatnuof retfihs
hsah detnuah like your kcipeci retool

hopping in my laundry pile

bug and mat and shenk and tripe and
clod and melt and bean and plot and
brat and suck and crawl and sky and
and and lunk and spat and choke and
grinning in my salad bowl

sorta trussed like bullets glanced the
liver route or sheet of steak ah mulefish
nekkid on the lakebed ponder me !sorta
cussed am fluttered ,pranced the quiver flute

Tons crickets

,tons pals ,flog taem ,dehs epoh
,meed spraddle all the thumbing heel
scumsgab what a leeh daeha the
scoops of lumpy yttik rettil like stekcirc
spaick hick gcrin

what you choked what you chomped what
you glabbered what you chimping what you
scolded what you sent what you scalded
what you scampered what you soldiered
lahick hick spcri

spatter he grin lather he spit loomer
he clod beaner he smoldered chock he
itched layer he bothered heaver he bat
stormer he ouch adder he crickets

Rat corners

rat nabster ,clock hump theet
bleater scored a ham junk hap hap
trounced the flap presidential lip
– ekorb eht “daeh” bag with just one
coprolite beneath the bush

skut meat ,clod napper ,bone
scummers melting thru the woods yr
ack stalk flaking flaking tongue
long groan yr stink inside the
rubble stinks before the door

where yr copy flapper stings
where yr bleep thumb coughs
where yr bash stroller burns
where yr flash face corners

Dim dump

dim antia ntics lare yr toothsum
colding chunger spailing lapse the
gash trace .cud I spandered ,toll
the spindax clotter meter ,nape throat
guzzled an drain

,root yr maker ,bink yr snorecard
,chaz yr sourlid ,brake tr sonared
,budge yr jacking ,gnat yr antler
,jowl yr soaking ,ditch yr spintax
puzzled an grin

nor spraddled off the lac dust
nor coddled off the shit dock
nor dribbled off the mat dick
nor fingered off the chimp dump

Locker shorts

locker an a dipster an a corner an a
boomer an a runtster an a flammer an a
stormer an a fanger an a clouder an a
dipster an a dumpster an a scummer an a
s melting in the chain

crust and roof and blake and rot and
hip and dim and jot and slapper and
eat and dry and sprawl and idiot and
rumple and hi and gag and pill and
trapped against the shoulder

you smouldered were a knowlaged roc
kay rasheded slunghag combing toothache
like a swarm of bees your bile foco
gummy peanuts salty in yr shorts

High mother

high pander low pond silted with yr
mooning corn spatter clungnuts pill
ow you dribbled in your last stung
sleep lies dander cloud and spilt

bugs and nods and bads and

long rinsing of the sheets your stoma
che's in ah pencil lather ,rot
on me !dour groan slabbit spending
all the cans you shaved a cuke

meds and ropes and roofs and

,roots you cushion ,blanks you blunder
,apts you coinage ,blooms you scounder
,floods you slather ,itch you pander
,date you foamer ,shot you mother

Dot noon

,dot clamp ,beach choke ,syrinx
chatter ,club mote ,trace lobber
,brand cerote ,spoon shut ,crash
chowder ,blag note ,dowel spurt
rush an crunch ah nogger spun!
bang fog ,wake shushma ,try to
glunt and trance a soaper in the
scan happy limping crew gullets
brake the stone you chofferred lake
the bone you glowered make the
groan you flowered ache the home
you marrowed name the loam you towered
calfed ass and blubbed in the spoon
you half ash and doubled in the noon

Fluttered stink

fluttered slave comb your lids and
wercs eht gnignits bloom claw ,yr
sufi slope yr pile steam ,slab long
crunching off the clicker hole why
yhsug anut melt ?flag stunning gall
you chowdered like a klim noitatigruger
,chain soaker ,bud spread ,nap flicker
,chewing splash slacker ah yr suet birdseed chew !
named and floated ,hide your inches
habit hanker ,spud ,drench flapper ,heel
,dunk plill ,munk ,blade lunch ,fill
,cronch dead ,humpf ,sprad lid ,bile
,sunk loot ,trench ,sad growl ,sails
plunked and sodden like yr bundled stink

Rush ecnelutalf

,rush ,loot ,glance ,hop ,smote
,heap ,toot ,beets ,beach ,flab
,haint ,ratk ,sonk ,dud ,hill
,plash ,bred ,rota ,clanks ,dug

s tracing tore the slog

half rising through the poh “thought”
wood plintered nep eht luber cung
,why habber eth ,why spun :g nat
glake stonerred towards the fence dawn
ed lunch bending off

dekael eht teliot pents the mile
blanked the cowlng knacks the retsilb
demmured eht redneps flakes the raft
couched the laundry spies the ecnelutalf

Drop clot

drop hap the stope shed and strapped
log pinders corner lug a pancake
soldered waist yr dribbling list ah
porntex shattered !asp the lung tressed
shot meat yr lunk long

really lappered really toggled really
clapped with crunched stoma ches
shadowed like yr nacho bowl beneath
the c hair why phillips really stripped
screwed feet yr hinck hogged

,chat hump lag ,tents ,strike shot
pole ,meal ,slab runt grinning ,kill
,chump spread mile ,frag ,meat junk
scattered ,drill ,abs ent choking ,clot

Nearly snrohgoſ

,nearly lathered like a stunt ,tubbled
like a rappit ,runny like a cornfield
,blobby like a clamor ,stingy like a
slogwich ,neemly scummy like a scours
stat an flug yr scorneſ

cheap shut and mitered ,cub you
stoppered like the wallet lake you
could was trenchant an a tlaco
sauce why fastened you was inch ?

blap an sung yr bloner

washed the saltname off yr rednap
launched the shallows in yr tekcop
winched the dustups thru yr stellulg
blagged the fantods out yr snrohgoſ

Coughing-mind

coughing-sleeve ,rut you dampered
loudly labbed your screwy soup sdnamed
,wavered in the load lunch or blog leaf
burning – time to stummer some ,or grash
hops your mot e and gleaming
rough glock ,spraddle boom said ,pinch
a float sample ,pry your crash
faucet dreaming ,was that yr shed
nuts glowing ,hump and clasp yr
spots yr l ash trance sprawling
nor gushed and dropping peanuts mind
nor blood and filling bathrooms mind
nor rocked and grinning laundry mind
nor blushed and hoarding lengua mind

Dug hole

dug and bill and seem and rash and
wrist and jowl and bop and club and
stun and still and rant and coal and
stuck and tnuarf and gard and tor and
cashless in the damper

sprawl of chemlawn gniniard from yr
eye a cube of dnas dna retaw
wimps a cornrow vacant like a spi
nninig cloud against the hill
numbness in the hamper

trust my floghorn – bought crawled –
beast of rinse – yr boot – dun –
chatter lamp – what's not coughing –
stung guests – stinking in the hole –

Which ant

which jolt was – crashing rump – bile
spray you – trashed – limping – clustered
at the sink – nor roof lace – roar
creeping – done a clot – a row bloat

rung the gland redemption

cheese heel you blustered gnatty
gnikohc “stungnuts” backward like the
bmc you chewed your sticky foot
sweating in the sheets eseehc

sung the bland retention

jump / bleat / cash / dup / sore
poot / runk / said / lore / rash
hip / bread / door / laid / cush
on / drip / blat / hup / ant

Door room

door and bum lapse and deep and caw
flame and sum and trowel lint and jump
and crawl lap and droop and piss sock
and hump and pool lube and jack and dunk

rite ,scattered all the knowns

blinked your rabbit dongsters ,splayed
the corn bubble with your inchless he
aving and gasp ah dents your cluster
dtroubled like a soup oh sink blood !

shut ,spattered all the gowns

so gabbled in the sucursal you cow
ered an dribbed ,a rinseless rendered
,noped you bred ,craved a rib and
sauce grease .sorta grumbled like a room

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