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Causes

Children of the mines
on hands and knees in dark,
weight of the roped truck
cutting naked loins.

But that was long ago,
long before naked Jews
were herded into gas.
And that is past too.

World about us now
West and South and East
all's not for the best.
But that is far away.

On our own doorstep
(sink that searching gaze)
stinking jetsam lies.
Here. Now. No escape.