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## **Betrayals**

“From each according to ability,  
to each according to need.” A noble cry,  
and “What have you got to lose but chains?” So why  
slave-camps, torture (body, mind) to compel  
blind, obedient conformity, the dreamed ideal  
hardened into a stony tyranny?

Just such a vile perversion of good thought  
used to fill Smithfield with the smell of flesh in fire  
as Protestant, Catholic, turn and turn about  
burned one another in the name of  
the same God, whom both sides could declare  
(even believe), to be a god of love.