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we had the key  
to unlock all the doors  
but discovered too late  
some doors should remain,  
that we should perhaps abstain.

having the key  
is the first mirage.  
knowledge is the first  
excitement.  
power is the great mistake.  
learning  
is the last  
enlightenment.

some rooms are best  
kept shut  
dark,  
some journeys on which we embark  
lead nowhere  
to the top of the stair  
that is just a prop  
on an empty stage  
where we stop.

best to forget the key  
and forget the lock.

a light can shine too bright,  
a truth so hard to bear,  
too impossible to share.

render us mute  
deprived of keys  
and rooms  
that we may sleep  
in blissful absence,  
smiling fools  
for whom rules  
are a game  
no one is meant to win,  
made by those whose  
sin is believing.

the great forgetting  
is now at hand.