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Realpolitik

Peter Cowlam

Well, yes, I can appreciate confinement
To one of these outer co-ordinates.
There's a splash of fountains
In the courtyard,
And a brick-built elegance
Walling out the mass.
All in some way reinforces
Our distant elusive politics,
While we the exhilarated few
Deal only in our narcosis.
Let us now marvel
At how our powers have multiplied
Over the impuissant and propagandised,
Duped by the demands of what they think
They want.