

Melangés du Buckets

"Slaves must drop
their buckets
in the field,
at work,
wherever they stand!"

Founder, African Methodist Episcopal Church

"What, then, Master,
is Kensho,
this enlightenment?"

(And he said)
"A bucket
whose bottom
is to be
smashed through."

Master of Rinzai Zen

"If only you knew
who it is who
is asking you
for a drink,
you would have asked him
and he would have given you
living water."

"But, Sir!

you have no bucket
and this well is Deep!"

....(no problem)...

On the Oncology of Kreml-ethics
("We give them money,
then they can't even win.
We are not wasting on Muslimas again!")

I have gazed into late night commissars'
(and emigrées' brandiedmisted) glazed blazes
learning to know the nameless woe
that lingers when it's finally clear
 the Young Pioneer
 is no better than
 a sickly boy-tsar--
("Kiratovarichna, it's the way things are.
We need more champagnya--
the one accomplishment of the Bulgar".)

 perhaps there will be an egg tomorrow
 for your sorrow
 and nourishment
 these aren't divine orders, you know
 our man of Steel wrote the poems of a monk
 and we buried him here anyway.

I permit too much
smoke from such
discouragement:
it's the way things are,
the watercourse way of the Tao
koanic--
 "Bamboo in the North,
 trees in the South."

I shouldn't take it on the mouth.

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