



otak and ego

he has few friends
to his regret
and none to feed his ego
each thing he does is a feeble fumble
each stone he withstands a sinner's condemnation
he trudges daily
a post-trial descent to calvary
with dreaded armageddon
further and further away
without forgiving those who know
not what they do
the jewish eunuch
cuts the nazi's balls
yet himself feels the pain
(psychological no doubt)
his limbo borders on a
hellish heaven
and a heavenly hell
where he stumbles through
his agoraphobic —

claustrophobic
existence
of the beginning of hope
and the end of despair
and vice
versa
coming and
going
up
and down
thinking he is good
and others evil
yet believing he is not so good
and others not so evil
yet believing he is evil
and others good
yet unable to make up his mind
his greatest enemy
which hunts him
and carves him
and scars him
and leaves him
to his regret
with few friends
and none to feed his ego

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(Note: *otak* is the Malay word meaning brain)