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## **HIVE**

The city denuding.  
The bricks leaving by thousands.  
Head over foot  
through the streets like iron shoes.

They file to a place  
filled with marsh and sand.  
No one would live here  
in his right mind.

Already they form a ring  
then a second ring.  
For God's sake  
they are building a hive  
and it generates heat  
like no boiler could:  
Cerise, then white, then clear.

From miles arrive people  
who hover around the structure  
cursing each other for warmth.  
But it is too late.  
The bricks sing in  
their dark tribal voices  
Sing of a wall  
and the little ones to come.