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Presiding Authority

I see you see we see
I conjugate the unfamiliar verbs.
The presiding authority has no personal authority over me.
Why has the authority of parenthood come from heredity and not merit?
Like a sixteenth-century position of nobility.
I know why I cannot learn.
Because the presiding authority cannot teach
can only condescend, convey
but cannot teach.
Parents are the first teachers but what if parents are not teachers?
What gives the presiding authority authority to preside?
I will not give him the name of respect just as I will never call the hated teacher sir.
The presiding authority can only win by brute force
is a brute.
The presiding authority is the most repugnant species of human,
the one that believes himself at the top but in fact is not.
Only shouts down those that prove him wrong
The one that believes himself to know everyone's weaknesses but in fact will never let anyone acknowledge his.
The presiding authority is a bullying child which was never corrected,
and continued to bully throughout life,
somehow achieving and yet ruining by sheer personality.
The presiding authority stands on the shoulders of giants but believes himself to be the only giant.
What do you do when the presiding authority doubles?
And now there are two.
Only one genetic, the other held in place by her own life decisions.
Do you envy the one the presiding authority cares for?
To be left alone as such.
I see you see we see.
A punishment should I get it wrong.