

In My Nephritic Dreams

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In my dreams, God is toxic. In my dreams,
heroism feels cowardly. In my dreams,
traveling west is an oxymoron. In my dreams,
I confuse Kurt Vonnegut with Kurt Waldheim.
In my dreams, I forget Arthur Schopenhauer's
first name. In my dreams, the Danish pastry
is filled with Swiss cheese. In my dreams,
a bazooka is a measure of time. In my dreams,
the word "expostulate" means "to cough."
In my dreams, the remoulade reeks of sulfur.
In my dreams, instead of a cap on my head, I wear
a trade. In my dreams, I watch a sand shark sleep
on a coral bed. In my dreams, the chickens come home
to rooster. In my dreams, I am awake most of the night.

