29. On Working in an Industrial Plant

A fine and honorable employment Noise so intense that sanity is questioned Odors so penetrating they cause sickness Air so dirty that lungs deteriorate and eyes dim Humans so petty, tearing each other apart like wild dogs Men forced to death Men dead who were the strongest Buildings slowly sapping life Slavery and freedom drawing a fine line Measured in time clocks, checks, accidents that report downfall Worry, tension, right and wrong that has no effect on tomorrow The human, little units of life functioning to no avail

By Stephen Collopy, "dad"

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