

Afterwards

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No Statue of Liberty,
Tour d'Eiffel,
Skyscraper piercing

The blue diaphragm
Of air. We're talking
Tomato fruitworm,

Silk glistening,
Soldier at ease.
Tom Thumb won't stand

For the military industrial complex.
He has no religion.
As far as politics,

He can go either way.
He's nonpartisan.
Californian.

Curled against a nest of curls,
Dreaming of childhood,
Zen indifference,

He sings the one
Simple song he can:
"Never Again, Never Again."