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There's nothing to
worry when no
one knows to do
but knows to
watch and wait and watch

*quick blue quick
green quick quick
spoon blue shot green
quick quick spoon*

Nothing to nothing to
worry so goes down
easy
swallow nothing to say
nothing to
hear know nothing Forty
years nothing
to worry no black
men might worry Nothing like veins
or hearts with things
growing or
spreading to breaking
where brains are
necks are growing things
holes are holes and bugs
are growing things and skin
lumps are growing

*quick spoon blue
spoon quick
green blue shot quick
blue quick*

The blue green nothing to worry
now fix it
now Green is made
in vats of
green In Alabama
schools have shoes The
men the children of the men the
wives the children
are born in fields There
are things in their eyes things
in their eyes in the delta
in the too much rain

*blue green spoon blue
quick shot green
green green blue quick
spoon spoon*

In the corn shared crops
sheared not owned no more
pilots and more things
on hearts on
brains There
a man
with dreams A woman
on a bus The fields
are green green The
bugs
are mold from the
wind through glass holes

*blue spoon
quick spoon
green spoon
shot*

Nothing to worry they
know No nothing to
worry they know They make
vats so down down

easy in the heat
In the forties was
radio and radiators In the
fifties was cold and
records In the sixties was ice
and TV In the seventies was neon
and eight-tracks The
black men missing green green liquid or
things more
things more things
grow It goes
to women and bellies or
pink pink pink chalk to children
goes down easy
ears The white chalk
chalk pills to older kids

blue blue blue
green blue blue green
blue blue quick
blue spoon shot quick

Give so much
that spiral bugs get
smart on
skin the holes don't hurt The holes
on skin must not be black
down easy Don't
worry the holes don't hurt
fields Easy to cure with
drugs drugs drugs easy to
drink
or shoot
swing Bank dusts
here windows not glass The wheel
borrows every photo

in gray or signs You sing like
children in rivers
burn skin off You sing front
look the color isn't
here Numbers not
letters not called
for days

spoon shot
quick green blue
blue blue green quick
quick spoon shot quick

Down
in Alabama
nothing to worry
not this town this
clinic
these docs not
not men

green green green
blue blue blue
shot spoon
quick quick quick quick

Not the black
of science
vats to
know the natural course
natural untreated course
natural untreated to
trepanoma Make
babies Deliver
sisters
and brothers Pale
silk spiral pale
or a fever
spiral pale heart gets
too big Murmur

spoon quick spoon
quick spoon quick shot
quick blue quick
green shot quick

Sift
so easy
the sand in
ears and brains
to
fill
Skin so tired the nose
on babies to
sift fill It's
nothing Eyes
don't look like
easy Tooth
fills
It's still

syphilis
syphilis
syphilis
syphilis

blue
green
quick
spoon

Forty years to get
the green green green
reparations
not the liquid
green blue green
penicillin
gone