DEWEY CHEATEM & HOWE

no such thing as an artist w/o ego	,	just put the ego to good use
make sure u remember the little ppl	,	account for their inane suffering
i stroke ur ego	,	she cries hideous tears
ur just flat soda	,	no dance on my tastebuds
ur beard my faithful companion	,	roughness under fingerpads
i hold ur flag	,	u hoist ur petard
forget the root word	,	give me the root
mermaid laid bare	,	razor clams sichuan style
awful chinese takeout	,	brown sauce so delightful in its awfulness
ur the cutest in ur family	,	daz like being atlantic city's best casino
crooks & their watches	,	it's a heist
balaclava & baklava	,	he has a suitcase that he leaves as he walks away
absolutely diminished	,	weighed against ur body
time doesn't heal anything	,	that's another lie they tell u
shifting as u uncross ur legs	,	fool's gold but i'll still touch it
u come unexpected as a sunburn	,	on top of a blueberry
o five-pointed star	,	pretty boy we are the same
there are no stars in hell	,	i should know—i was there
shit-stain/worm-brain gatekeepers	,	still overly interested in white happenings
most poetry is "white happenings"	,	predictable as seasonal allergies
most love poems just fkn terrible	,	one root canal after another
fruit most fragrant before it spoils	,	what have u done to my melons