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# BASTILLE

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Quiet, please! Quiet! The noise pollution is  
about to begin.

Oh, to bask in silence and watch the huge  
waves pound against the impregnable  
rocks—

Then backing up, only to regroup under the  
inspiration of their leader: Moon.

They come again

Pounding and striking the rocks

Again

Wrenching and tearing

Again

With all the might and power of all ever  
refused.

They come again

Pounding and striking the steel doors of  
Bastille

Again

To free all within that they should not  
be refused

Again

And the silence within is slain with  
the bursting of the doors

Again

And all that ever were knew then, at that  
moment, you can't keep these men  
down

For they come again,

Again to be free

Again

To love again

To dream.

If only airplanes didn't fly so low.

Quiet, please—quiet!■

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