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BOTH FACES OF A PSEUDO GOD

by Maggie Culver Fry

*Election night: Dethroned he listens to
the blare of telecast, while screeching horns
laud his opponent; that "come lately" one.
He hears, "incumbent ousted. . .pseudo God."
The background roars like flames! Hot tongues
of praise for his brash foe. Distorted, strange,
nightmare, as orange faces on TV.
Stuttering neon; torches rouge the dark.
O effervescent past. . .**his** victory camp!
He fiddles on one string, gives alibis:
"The apathy of voters. . .bigotry. . ."
"Now play another string. . .sing for the Press".
"The winner? Oh just say I wish him well".
(He turns his falseface camerawise. It **smiles**.)*