Joya

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God bless the chaos, I'm ready to go Made my provisions written my notes Too bad that folks remain on the earth To see me deny no to renew my birth And even my swallow my sweet one of all Will be angry and bitter and briefly withdraw For I've done much protecting and hiding of hardness The awful emotion I never could bear I was always afraid to reveal what I'm knowing Like I have a particular kind of thing growing Indifference, a bosom ally to despair, Soaks itself in to the skin and the hair

I keep all my cards at my chest without playing The ones that I knew I was all this time saving And rarely refered to it rarely gave clues That I had the deep sickness I tried not to choose That I had here inside of me a key to self-knowing So base and respected neglected and flowing Perversion and what might be called paranoia Description defies though the concurrent Joya And every corpuscle and each fold and wrinkle, Subknuckels, perception of what's within my vision And hearing distorting and feeling is lying But it never succeeds to prevent me from trying