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*I'd rather die and be alive  
Than die and just be dead  
I'd rather fry than compromise  
With flies around my head  
"Death to Self!" the placard screams  
While anger inside roils  
"End it now, it pointless seems!"  
Midst oceans on the boil  
"What is this ego death, pray tell  
What is this end to self?"  
The specter looms with grin from hell  
"Perhaps be truth thyself"  
The banter rolls around the cage  
Dampened by the fluff  
Muffled, no expected rage  
The audience? A bluff.  
The lusting, liquid mind is quick  
"No matter – hit the spot!"  
"Perceive or not perceive I will!  
Believe, or I am not!"  
The pixelating picture fades  
And falls to end of screen  
Illusion and its many grades  
Were never as were seen  
The show goes on, the limits burn  
Like layered walls of brick  
Yet slowly, ever slow we learn  
That naught will ever stick*



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