



## In the Laboratory of Dr. X

They stared at me,  
one eyed,  
from behind barred doors,  
row on row—  
monocular monkeys!

Each, an eye enucleated,  
its socket filled with putty—  
a catheter protruding,  
tapping the brain of its juices.  
Monocular, row on row,

each grimaced,  
jumped up and down,  
rattled her cage as I passed;  
and I thought it our nature  
to do whatever  
needed.

This was years ago,  
yet they visit me still  
when I see the name X  
and read his work.

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