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How the dark years, those abominable millions of dark years,
Endure in this wombing.

The owl outside in the lightning tree:

Piss-eyed as a ghoul.
When comes the slowing into plangency,

And the sun-quickened birds

Rally and remember to rail,
Believe none of it.

Your brightness, like theirs, is miniature.

Sleep

And again you are fierce as a bear to night's imperative,
Its hiddenness.

There: the sounds of the animal.