## Finding the Word

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No, No, O God!, Charles Demuth, 1918

Our specie of words is profaned
In deviant lexicon.
Skites of verbiage at the troughs of power
Mutilate each word, poke mockery at wit
In cloven footnotes of malign annotation.

Ditch the word-midden.

The fabled city on the hill still shines
Among the riches of our ancient etymons.
Preserve the tongue's response
And bring to light the word that's hidden.

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