

# 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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