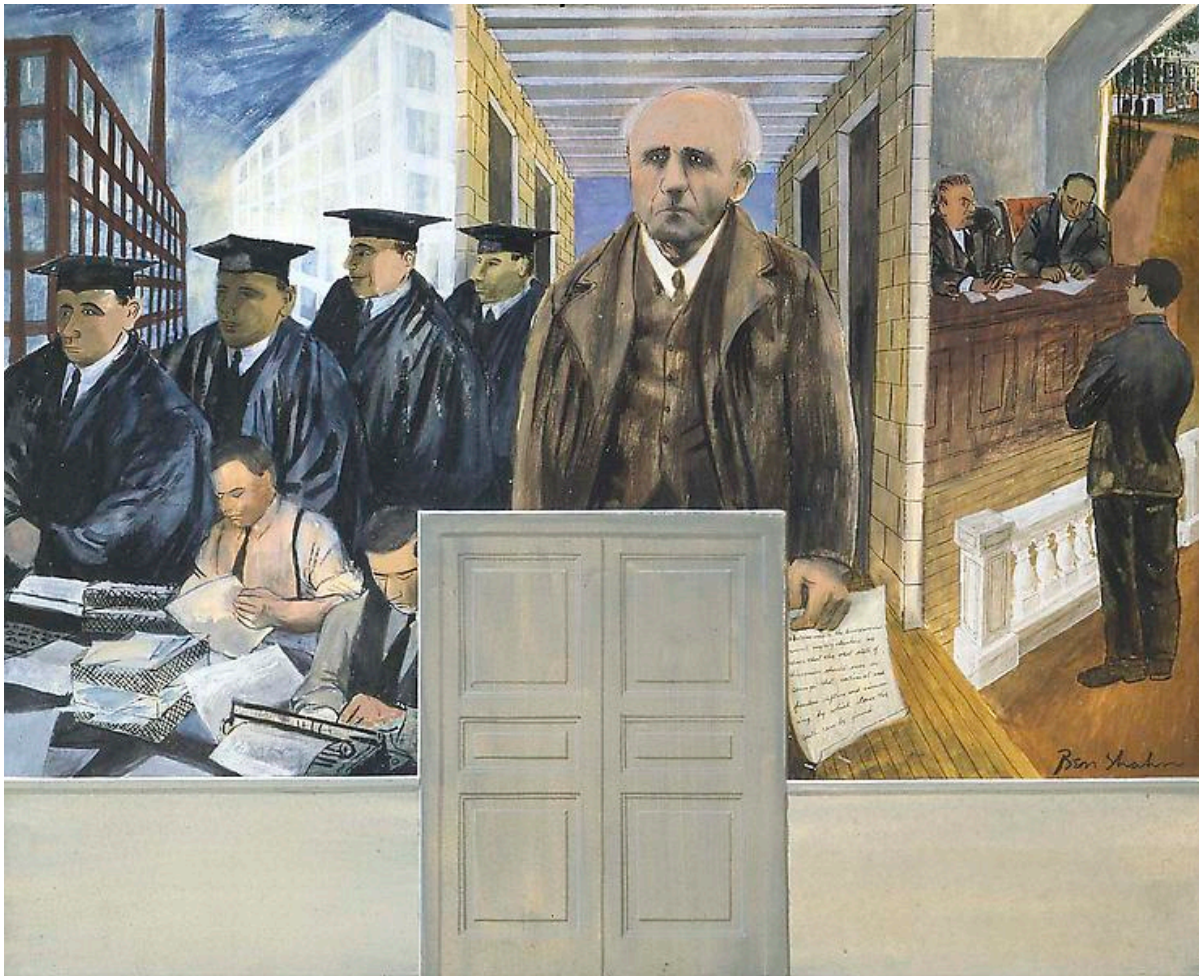


# La La Landia: Three Poems

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*Mural Study*, Ben Shahn, 1930s

## Questions for Poets in La La Landia

How does a poet get listed  
on the website of the most powerful  
poetry corporation, Poetry Foundation?

Who are the faceless gatekeepers who control the list?

Absence of transparency brings absence of accountability!

Who determines who shall be anointed a poet laureate?

Well, the librarian of Congress alone makes that choice.

Absence of democracy brings the lionization of safe hacks!

Why do poets not wonder about such matters?

Why are they so accepting of poetry la la landia's taboos?

Absence of curiosity brings uniformity and conformity of thought.

### **All the News That Fits the Narrative**

The press has been outed for extreme bias.

So, what does it do? Well, instead of addressing the problem, it masks the problem with mottos for We, the Plebes (readers) are stupid right?

"Democracy dies in darkness" brandishes the Washington Post implying, of course, that it is a light of unbiased truth. Hmm.

"Real journalists. Real journalism." boasts the Boston Globe," as if that makes it better.

"Independent. Trusted. Real." self-promotes the New York Times, and then "Real journalism.

Like nowhere else" and then "Independent journalism.

More essential than ever." Any more? Well, yeah,

"Truth is hard to find. But easier with 1,000+ journalists looking."

But even if 10,000+ journalists looking, what difference does it make

with an editorial board blinded by bias, bias, bias, and more bias?

## **Bullshit—Diversion from Truth—Divide and Conquer**

bullshit everywhere

pc bullshit, blablatage bullshit

inclusion bullshit, diversity bullshit,

white bad; black good bullshit,

bullshit tweets, bullshit vids,

and bullshit bots on the phone,

equality bullshit, BLM bullshit,

hands-up-don't-shoot bullshit,

racism, racism, racism bullshit,

Daca bullshit, wall bullshit,

white supremacy bullshit,

the n-word bullshit, shithole bullshit,

Nazi, Nazi, Nazi bullshit,

white privilege bullshit, trans/cis bullshit,

systemic racism bullshit, dyke bullshit,

intersectionality bullshit,

wrong/right pronoun bullshit,

islamophobia bullshit, hijab horseshit,

sharia bullshit, double-standard bullshit,

and our thoughts and prayers bullshit

Now, did I miss any bullshit? Oh, yeah,

I forgot the bullshit about academic bullshit . . . \*

\* "Higher Education Is Drowning in BS" by Christian Smith (*Chronicle of Higher Education*)  
Aberrantly, Smith wrote that it wasn't the professors but only the system. How absurdly can it get?

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