

# in the bad dreams of bums under the freeway overpass

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In the bad dreams of bums living under the freeway overpass  
Dwells the laughing gas of their previous lives  
The humorous opium operas of unsatisfactory whore-wars  
And the open sores of ether-filled balloons  
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In the bad dreams of bums living under the freeway overpass  
We often find them smiling up an inner storm and laughing for no  
reason

Passing the night under trucks without mufflers  
With motorcycle madmen passing overhead like metallic  
overlords  
Armored to the teeth with Germanic head gear

