

Cargo

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Lies
All lies,
People
In boxcars,
Not possible,
But I saw,
Lies
All lies
Cannot be,
People
In boxcars?
Cattle, yes
People, no.
But
I saw,
You saw what?
You saw
Nothing,
What did
You see?
Nothing
You saw.
I heard,
You heard?
What did
You hear?
People talking?
Names
I heard names,
What do you
Mean names?

I don't see them,
Names
I heard
Their names,
What names?
Everyone's names
All the names
Jostling
And bumping
Searching
For their letters.
Parchment scrolls
Fired
Letters fluttering
In the air.