

hell house

a hell house or judgment house is a yearly evangelical event wherein church-members act out “horrific sins” resulting in death. attendees watch as actors are then tortured in “hell” before receiving a call to salvation.

you've never been to a hell house before
never had your cheeks blush so bright
they'd make satan's mouth water
and you'd call it your fault never
burned your skin with a candlestick
as penance so your own body shows
your guilt like a child's wet bed i need

no mask here around so many sinners
acting out another person's shame
as if they could sidetrack the angels'
make belief **BOTCHED ABORTIONS**
DRUNK DRIVERS JUNKIES
WITH HRT NEEDLES in the alleyway

once our mother worried about my faith
let a friend's church's youth's pastor take
me here you were not supposed to be

the problem now before i search on ebay
for poison i make a paypal with a fake
name as if i need a lie good enough
to get through god turns out he didn't
even check my id that's how easy death

is only takes three to five day shipping to push
your fire-engine heart past its tipping
point when i see the sirens i cue the flatline
hospital effect just for the drama it sounds
like our mother screaming here, here

is where my life ends like our ears ringing
so loud as we flew home that day
we had to holler i love you, i love
you, i love you like we could reach everyone
we have ever loved at once just to get through
to each other where is the sin

in this a whole congregation of children
will look at this at a distance and go get ice cream

afterward i know a woman who'd give me a bravo

i've cast myself in every part a million
times even the ones i wasn't there for i fucking
can't find it no teenage boy will ever be afraid
of this and that's the problem you've never

been to a hell house before and it wouldn't matter
anyway this is my shame