

the bitterest of bitter childhoods.  
rebuked and despised  
cursed and reviled  
legless and slithering in pain on a raw belly  
the damaged serpent in the garden without a jump rope.  
    the second punishment mocking the first one.  
    profoundly deep.  
    deep  
    deep  
    deepest depression  
    caused by the choice of others  
    leaving him wondering if the world would ever know  
        the real truth of what had happened.  
        the criminal was not the one making the offer possible  
            the criminal was the one that set it up.

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