

SOUTHERN-FAGGOT BLUES

after Natasha Trethewey

Just going out to dinner /is a cautious outing.
Just driving out to dinner /is a careful outing.
Holding hands in public /we hear people shouting.

When the neighbors ask who he is /he's always a friend.
When we stand in line at the corner store /we always offend.
Like denial of ourselves /we have to pretend.

Outside our house /we can't express with a flag.
No matter how bad we want /we can't put out our flag.
Our house will be the target: *the house of the fags.*

We paint on our face /that we don't care.
We keep on that face /but we are aware.
Just the other day /we were cut with glare.

With all this said and done /we feel better off in home.
With all this sad and done /we assume just staying in home.

Safe behind the boards /until the hatery is gone.
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