

CLINT BURNHAM / from the **Benjamin Sonnets**

for Sharon—"with thanks for the conversations and inspiration and laughter"

V.b (after Ken Loach's *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*, Kreuzberg, 14.1.07)

Urging Mick on the telephone
Dirk betrays him for a piece of the act

Horse lag, bed'er while
then Mick's M.I.L.F.'s handler grabs "Fault!"
bemused at my ma's tit
sign here, sighs her
give him a drubbin
a diva, Steady Boy
dubbin there'll be clean shoes on your corpse
Pro quid pro, ira(te)
stymied gym shoes, germ girl furls a kerchief
the union jack a botched apron
red medium sad match
Zoo nickel filched

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Beware the ears that here no toc!
need welder conning tower
we're, we're grieving black Blackberries
aged well i.e. aged in Zurich
winning winnie's whining
winnie the pooh's pooh-poohing
uh—desist fee liked
Gunther chock-a-block

with dark chalk that festers habit
Varèse (Zappa's)(Zippo)(Zippy)(Ziphead)(Zipes)(Zipped)
London zero now
Sir Store End
DAT's naked brooch
for him auger blink offsh- whoring

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Sin apse shelling
guest off fennel ailing again

radio pizza test soggy like her
outrider gill's glissant
she thwarts a
dervi's Fort Edmonton
language school weeder filter
musta been musty
Dan's stand's whinger
worn knock stem
all classic
fen
erst-
derby

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Belch music real mensch wensch
spamologist on call
musical milk toast toastmasters
temperance fooled nobody
tempura's the latest snacker
taking us for a temp ride

spaz condor! why click your clique
shag shrug
endorse Shih Te rub & tug
Down these men come pre-lubricated
Rousseau's insulated
Telly Savalas's Pocky's
alter
super