

Dotted Lines

Borders, boundaries – dotted lines
“die Mauer”
disputed territory,
no-fly zones
DMZ

There is a cleaving among the houses
the creation of mansions of abuse
built with family stone, itself
layer upon layer
in a history of folded things, laid away
embodied in the blood
settling in the dust
falling like time,
on the mass graves of our best.

Sacrifice the children
because we must...
that is how it is passed on!
generation after generation
in the circle of things.

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