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2. "The Church and the Fiction Writer," p. 809.

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8. As Pope Benedict XVI explains, "Indeed, an essential function of genuine beauty, as emphasized by Plato, is that it gives man a healthy 'shock,' it draws him out of himself, wrenches him away from resignation and from being content with the humdrum—it even makes him suffer, piercing him like a dart, but in so doing it 'reawakens' him, opening afresh the eyes of

his heart and mind, giving him wings, carrying him aloft" (Address to Artists, November 21, 2009).

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New Poetry in English



N. S. Boone

They've Outlawed Sex in Europe

They've outlawed sex in Europe.
It's easy to see why—
It's violent, patriarchal,
And inappropriate for the eye.

They've outlawed food in Europe.
It's barbaric that we still
Butcher plants and animals
Instead of taking pills.

They've outlawed jobs in Europe.
No employer has the right
To hold its workers hostage
With a paycheck day and night.

Universal Basic Income
Is now the people's creed.
With free pills, a roof, and internet
What else do they need?

They've outlawed thought in Europe.
Just know that you are equal.

All the studies say the same thing:
Discrimination is thinking's sequel.

They've outlawed death in Europe.
How nice it now can be.
If the body quits its functions
You'll be hooked up to a screen

So that you'll be only consciousness—
No more bloated, bloody corpse
To hang around the neck of Mind
(Footnote: Hegel is our source).

They've outlawed life in Europe.
It's all just too obtuse.
Just imagine how much one life takes,
Whether codger or papoose.

Life is just too selfish.
Humans are energy hogs.
The blue earth goes round without us
On the galaxy's gears and cogs.