

FOUR HANDS



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1. Robar

Anticipate the idea
of a beer bottle.

Introduce secretly
the dollar bills.

Gain advantage with this
knife, these fingers.

Go on gradually with these
miniature pistols.

2. Luchar

Make a living off a glowing
box, which may be "true."

Attempt to wear yourself
into these heels.

Fight on until
ears ring louder than emptied churches.

Push into a familiar
space, a scratchy sound.

3. Trabajar

Axe apart the moving
parts of the mechanism.

Saw through a crêpe paper & paste performance
of a religious act.

Hammer down a particular method
or manner until the walls agree.

Shovel the splinters of one's accustomed means
into a clean pile.

4. Escapar

Consider what is inside the inner
tube.

Discard your dedication
to the gaping ground.

Only sobriety seems worthy
of confinement.

Run wild from cultivation— toward
a small boat patched up with lottery tickets.

after Alberto Casado's *El buen doctor*

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