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## The Antipodist: A Reproach

Coming home he realizes he  
Has always wanted to be  
At the foot of the ladder  
And on the highest rung.

Stretched thin in this seamless  
Desire to be overlooking and  
Overlooked.

Cancelled at the base and at the  
sublime summit.

Like that family story/myth  
Of trench warfare  
Up the ladder, backwards  
Shot through the feet  
Unwilling to offer the heart or the head.