Afterword

Title That Fits with the Thesis That I Am Arguing

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technology is our friend a belief
and some live surrounded/immersed in
the life offered/known dependent upon
promise of a quality of life a betterment
of comfort and security assumed
progress carrot of dreams and beliefs
in driven days endless change—
education as much vocation as tool

technology surrounds like a spacesuit
and it supports this compartment
the walled and heated space with
promise of more than shelter
of reason for golden
progress itself—re-enactment of boy
In a bubble/boy who cried wolf—
education not to blame

technology strives
and it is sometimes unsettling:
the curriculum and courses contradict
promise of learning interests
of being taught to manage replacement
progress machines just doing
in/stead of art in the heart
education learning the “i” in time

technology made me do it another saying
and sometimes things go very wrong with
the assumptions of progress and the
promise of a better life a better tomorrow
of education as desirable want rather than
progress for progress’ sake a necessary
in pseudo- or real competition—
education’s ongoing animal testing
technology / techno / technography / industry / technocracy
and / but / or / with / without
the / a / any / no / some
promise / premise / compromise / profession / agenda
of / in / on / for / against
progress / regress / congress / suppress / digress
in / on / out and about / of / towards
education / miseducation / re-education / uneducation / non-education

technology on the factory floor runs
and runs lags with constrained budgets as
the mediaeval institution trudges towards
promise of rest and reward in the shade
of that grove of trees the oasis of
progress beset by highwaymen and bagmen
in pursuit of the glint of pecuniary gain—
education the misunderstood pack animal

technology is pen paper manual typewriter
and binary computers to air/err control
the education journey … adult learner
promise to create some contribution
of self something creative to construct
progress as if to continually ______
in education as if change = progress
education needs its shape-shifting

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