

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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