

To a Modern Isaac

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I'm no Abraham.
I've bowed to a few idols in my day —
Just somewhat unintentioned.
Sacrificing children to idols
Is a little crass,
And might have caught my attention.
But low grades didn't pass
My threshold of pain.
Threatening to leave is
An attention scheme.
It'll pass; ignore it —
Or really, ignore you.

There is no need of an altar
On that lonely mount, with you.
You wouldn't lie there.
I couldn't raise the knife.
Only I could lie on the altar,
Not knowing if you would plunge the knife.
Not knowing if God would have you do it.
And if so, why.

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