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(New Zealand Herald headline, September 2010)

And what will you do when you find it

Sir Particle Scientist Astrophysicist Large Hadron Collider manipulist

since splitting the atom has given us

what anyone can do

with a president's jab or a general's thumb or an ill-timed tsunami quake

I mean blast us all apart

This divine blob Sir will it give us longer mortality a deity more just

even a home maybe on stilts with wings or gills in sinuous global scans

This particle you call god Sir will it Stop Press countermand confuse defuse or fuse

split atoms and family body-bits

we wipe off our bloody hands

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