

CHANGING MINDS

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Rhyme Scheme (aabca)

Invisible assassins stalk my mind
Like pale phantoms on the wind.
Here and there and everywhere,
They're there but sight unseen.
I follow the breadcrumbs they leave behind.

Cut them off here! Cut them off there!
I wonder if they are even there.
Unsure and afraid I prepare for the worst
Almost always one step behind.
You can't have me. It stops right here.

Assault! Assault! Batten the hatches!
Set the charges! Prepare the matches!
Fire the cannons! Repel them all!
Make them scurry like spiders caught in a fall.
I fight here and there, like fighting in batches.

My enemies surround me like a virulent cough.
Miss! Miss! Miss! My best is not enough.
Unrelenting and unyielding they attack
I fight back but each day I slip further away.
Eventually I break, no longer myself. Wasn't enough.