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## THE BRONX TAMBOURINE

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While thus the spirits  
of strongest wing  
premise or promise  
*pretense or printemps*  
enlighten the dark deep, the  
threads are  
spun  
practice or pretext  
*porous or pastime*  
the cords twisted & drawn out-

Predestination parries  
*then the weak*  
*begin their work*  
preternatural pugnacity  
*& many a net is*  
*netted many a*  
*net*  
programmatically, pesteringly  
patterned (*spread &*

*many a spirit caught; (innumerable the nets,*  
*innumerable the gins & traps) & many*

*a soothing*  
*flute) & potent*  
impossibility  
is there is there

-is formed, & many a corded  
lyre outspread, over the immense.  
Pretend it's no precedent.  
*In cruel delight they trap the listeners.*