

Bested

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*We have become bested. by school loans breeding.
We have become bested. by blogging and tweeting.*

I poured you a soup over these comments
of rage and fear.
You reported me. I deported you.
It was empty. We were full.
of Power.

Distracted and Bested by what we
Think we Ought to Have.
airplane tickets, good credit, family, prayer.
and Terrorists in Place.

My doctor is angry. wants my sickness. my professor is exhausted.
wants my thoughts. and concerns. and truth.
Good Lawyers play along. the musicians are mum.
The poet is poor. The employee is protected yet planning an escape of sorts.

Wild. Unpredictable. Scouring. Sharp.
It boils. We boil.
Return to our Pulp.