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Adam Fieled (Philly, USA): from *Apparition Poems*

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What's this about making moves, said
 the apprentice? I've got irons in the fire
 with all these pieces, isn't that enough?
 To have mastered how the fire works,
 so that each piece burns right down: it's
 not the only move that matters, but as
 I just made a line of rooks rather than
 pawns, what else could possibly get my
 goat? The master heard this, appearing

limber, but quite chained to the voices
 that were taking away the tools he used
 to put his apprentices in their places. I
 have nothing to say about this, he said,
 as he wiped beads of sweat from a brow
 that furrowed so intensely that all his
 enemies insisted he had dark ties. Just
 make rows of rooks instead of pawns,
 and you will find yourselves kings and

queens. They all left him that night, after
 dumping the ashes in a river that ran in
 back of the workshop, into a black sea.

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in your "not-I"
 saying is sex
 phonemes go
 fricatives fill
 in space for "I"
 it's all I said
 (was I saying
 anything red
 for yr blood in
 you at all for
 being me?)

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