

New Discipline

You have gathered yourself on cedar stage
to stage
a violence w/victors

& stages
well-defined
(no spatter over
colors
deigned progress,
Belts for which
you must be tested

And all around you, you
(the others
flow w/against
each
of your opponents one each one seen

But you
keep open and
draw instructor and
fall on your ass
when you try to double kick

And you are surprised
when he awards the belts:
your tinsel
blue highest unless silver is
(in the class
and striped right to
the next...

--You have no skill
but a certain
raven glint.

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