## **Convoluted Absolutes**

Tourniquet

I feel numb And I think we're half asleep Our collective sense of outrage Has gone the way of dodo birds and Model T's We're being trained We tell them what they want just to appease It's the end of absolutes Welcome to the death of meaning Mice will run a maze for cheese Koko sings her A - B - C's we think she's talking to her kitten in the corner Pavlov's dogs would drool if they could hear their chiming cue Just like them we've been conditioned We're going dumb Have we forgotten how to speak Would mute cries fall on deafened ears If we could get ourselves to give voice to our pleas We're so well trained That's the way it is and so we'll let it be If there are no absolutes Our objections have no meaning Birds will learn to talk for treats Flipper laughed and danced to please and avoid electrocution Pavlov's dogs would drool if they could hear their chiming cue Just like them we've been conditioned Feeling numb Half asleep Being trained

We're just like sheep

Going dumb We never speak So well trained The truth we never seek