

The Problem

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There was a hearing.
The rules were broken by one, followed by another.
The evidence was presented, an overwhelming list of infractions.
An overwhelming re-presentation
Of his maladjustment to the system
The hearing was about him, about his attitude, about his behavior.
He is, he represents (No)
He implies the problem
If he is expelled, the problem will go away
Responsibility, relationship, mutuality, absolution.

A person with a problem, I believe there's no such thing
As a person with a problem.
If there is a problem it's a problem with the system.
The system of home and family, of school and community.
He is not in this alone.
He is not the problem.
A reflection of the system.
A mirror image of ourselves, and our work.
We acknowledge not all kids fit our ancillary desires
And when they don't fit, they become the problem
Expell the problem, make it go away.

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