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You fill me with Browning and texts
the classics and masters of

Knowledge you offer me with a gun
when I can no longer accept.

And I scream at others and myself
sometimes asleep, and ready
to burst, even while dreaming.

But I continue towards
the long hollow barrel-

At breaking point I grab
and pull and shoot

at myself, waking
cold, under covers of printed
words and specks of blood

Regent Street Mannequins
by Penelope A. Riseborough

