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BABY

I've got a dog. That dog
is mean. It's been specially trained
by Uncle Sam to maim & kill. You can see it
in its eyes: pure, blind
hatred, unadorned, like a god

who hates humanity & wants to wipe us out
just because we're here. Because
someone comes too close
within its leash's range, or reaches out to pet
its nose. I've seen wrists snap

like a chicken neck. But I'm not the only one
who trained it, others
w/ a stick or piece of barbed wire helped—
taunting without mercy while I held
its leather harness,

murmuring o'er & o'er into its fuzzy ear:
I'm the only one who'll ever care.