

DEVILED

My dreams are cruel
children. They taunt me.

I dream I'm telling a story
the punch line of which
will involve deviled eggs.

 I'm saying
some idiot
asked me where they originated.

I found that funny
or unfair.

Launched into this anecdote,
this dream, this poem,
I'm already worried. Now I see
the pair I'm addressing
have put their heads together,
hatching something,
over the crosswords.

CHAIN CHAIN CHAIN

The argument from clean
margins.

Get plausible!

Some feed off
breakage,
some off transposition.

Minute by minute.

Tread water
with synonyms;

trade synonyms
for water.

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