

Cargo

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Lies

All lies,

People

In boxcars,

Not possible,

But I saw,

Lies

All lies

Cannot be,

People

In boxcars?

Cattle, yes

People, no.

But

I saw,

You saw what?

You saw

Nothing,

What did

You see?

Nothing

You saw.

I heard,

You heard?

What did

You hear?

People talking?

Names

I heard names,

What do you

Mean names?

I don't see them,  
Names  
I heard  
Their names,  
What names?  
Everyone's names  
All the names  
Jostling  
And bumping  
Searching  
For their letters.  
Parchment scrolls  
Fired  
Letters fluttering  
In the air.