

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.