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24 Ways to Plead Not Guilty to Charges of Lighting Ladyfingers in One's Nose

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24¹ Ways² to Plead³ Not⁴ Guilty⁵ to Charges⁶

¹24 being the number of eggs in a dozen prior to a baker's meddling hands, fearsome and anti-arithmetic. Also the number of hours in a non-Ramadan day in Western Hemisphere. The poet is 24 years old, skinny.

⁵Tillichian ontology: angst in the second degree. Guilt and condemnation. Guilt for no crime. Condemnation by nothing. Both furious and impossible. Endless ravine inhaling fathoms. Rickety Temple of Doom bridge. The poet stops, grabs on tightly.

²Way: which, the, no, all, al+s, side, long, millions of, evil, crooked, mysterious.

⁶Tied to rocks, anchored, charges dropped into Loch Ness' blackberry depths. Kaboom, Ogopogo. Kaboom Ogopogo. Catch blubber falling from the sky. Make soap. Cry. Allahula la ackbar

⁹One's not as prime as you think.

of Lighting⁷ Ladyfingers⁸ in One's⁹ Nose¹⁰

³Pete pleads for pleats in pants.
Pants' pleats plead for iron. Iron
wheezes water, distilled. Burned
into stomachs.

⁷Lighting one's face with green
phosphorescent freckles ripped
from lightning bugs' butts stick
nicely under eyes not so well on
teeth run around backyard hoping
for ufos at very least airplanes

¹⁰Using scientific method one can
deduce that the Sphinx once had a
nose, now deteriorated by time,
erosion, canons. Apply scientific
theory: a series of disproof always
in flux. Nothing is proven. Little
holds a scent.

⁴Not ever going back to that place
where the Indian grabbed my penis
in the shower, shaved my testicles,
frowned at me, invited me to his
home after Mosque. Failure to tie
the Not. Gradations of negativity.
Opposites reach one another at the
most extreme points of each's
being, ice burns hot, laughter yields
tears, hate soothes like love burning,
yin swims into yang. Where then
does mathematics allow for the
morphing of opposites. Negative
numbers move infinitely negative.
There is no extreme to be met.
Answer: positive is not negative's
opposite.

⁸Bismi-Allah Al-Rahman Al-
Raheem. Shove those fuckers way
up there. Smells of sulfur and
paper. Tiny cilia fuse protruding.
Smile that Salat smile. This is
gonna hurt.