replaced, replaced, re placed

chilled beans churned to liquid
freeze the cascading lines of the lower lip
and leave in their wake a glacial sensation
that numbs the lingering warmth
your teeth had imprinted upon it.

your memory must be eradicated,
every trace masked by frozen flavor.
there’s no way to proceed
with remnants of your existence
still following.

neurons in the network,
connected by currents which
transfer images of your enigmatic smile
like passengers shifting across busy subway stations.
if only neurons could be scooped out
with each cell replaced
by the enigmatic coffee bean.

an obsession diverted,
a mind distracted.
substitution of one addiction for another,
because the pains of substance abuse
could never compare
to the damage you left.