An Atheist’s Sermon

all your rules
were created by men
for man.
forget them.

make yourself
your higher power.
pray to yourself
and spend your sundays
with a good book
(not The Good Book)

Don’t sip the blood
   drink the wine.
Don’t pray for strength
   build it on your own.
Don’t attend confession
   apologize sincerely.
Don’t wait until you die
   make this world your heaven.
Don’t tell me it’s a comfort
   you were not meant to be comfortable.
Don’t tell me it’s a best guess
   you do not have to guess.
Don’t listen to me
   make up your own mind.