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Insidious voices whispering, mocking
Blaming and shaming for something shocking
Neighbours' voices through paper-thin walls
Sneering and jeering with harsh cat-calls
Shouts from people passing by
Who know the secrets that make you cry
Accusations from those long-dead
Accessing thoughts within your head
In darkest night the threats of violence
The pills that promise endless silence

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