

perimeter

from the flares and sixteen fire
something going on interesting
but it was happening
the far side of the perimeter
and then three cracking noises
and a whistle
and Gibb says that's a AK bullet
man going over your head
he tell me to shut off the light
at the check point
and get behind the sand bags
I mean this was Gibb speaking to me
dingdongdoofus
world's only Avon man
water-him-every-other-day stupid
he has to tell me to hide
how smart that made me feel
things get tough
and I must listen to a fool

Michael Casey's latest book is "The Million Dollar Hole" from Orchises Press.