

Questions for the Sculptor

Sage Justice

Who are the angels

A: Beggars cupping hot thermoses lapping
up milk with shriveled tongues

Who are the devils

A: There are none

Then who commits the atrocities

A: Swines in uniforms squealing for stolen mothers

Who are the cherubs

A: Skeletons cutting out Valentines
with safety scissors

Who are the ghosts

A: City rats scouring empty nests in human
skulls retching bile and tar

What is heaven

A: A blank canvas

What is hell

A: She's sealing letters with red wax

Then who is the punisher

A: The cracked silver hand mirror buried in the backyard

And who is the god

A: Threadbare hands caked with clay