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Dances with Pills

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You deceptive disks of false modesty,
 you Lilliputian putts down the throat,
idle workers of mysterious ways
 to calm the limbs that club at nights in starts:
What pathways do you take, what barriers
 penetrate, what abnormal excitements
 do you soothe like a child at a circus?
 What quakes cease to shake? What batters to stir?
What nervy tantrums do you prevent?
 Or what false promises, fat senselessness?

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