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We are ragged,
tumbled bunches
of doubt and want.

We should invent
a light room
for understanding
our shadow.

ABOUT THE POEM

[We are ragged] was created from *The Book of the Damned* by Charles Fort (1919). About the poem and the process of composing it, Karen George writes:

I found an online PDF of Charles Fort's *The Book of the Damned*, and page 250 contained the words "ragged," "tumbled," "want," and "shadow" that intrigued me. I printed the page out and began circling words down the page that made sense together.

