

POSTBELLUM

Devil
postbellum

one geography
of simulated sex

updated from
the middle age

middle passage.

The incomparable
Donald Goines
Donnie Simpson

darling

currency

some

charbroiled midnight
when you are
done up for nothing

drawn down
the stairs from tending
to the surface

and frequency of
commercial interruption

pauses for breath

oily rags
piled up like gymnastics.

Pattern framed

dump truck
Bryant Gumbel.

Tall-tale

baleful

telegram

favorite uncle

stunned into



sunning oneself

on the hour

disguised in

a braided mullet
and stove pipe

hi top fade

like
a commercial
for McDonalds
during Black History Month

the only people

that care about Kwanzaa

are McDonalds.

The world has managed to change

or become the sole proprietor of
one kind of gumption

one brand of drums

several dozen

patents for
fondling everyone

he lays
his eyes on.

