

“Ocratization” (in Absentia)

“What kind of ‘ocracy’ do we live in?”
the radio host inquires

democracy
 plutocracy
meritocracy
 corporatocracy

Obvious choices
(or not)
immediately race through my brain.

Other listeners sharing creative
alternatives during a previous
segment can be heard,
a teaser for one upcoming.
But my mind is distracted, working
on possibilities of its own,
so I do not pay attention. Sorry.

It’s got to be “mediocracy”
 I decide
after some moments’ consideration,
only then realize that I will not
have time to call into the show.

Perhaps I’ll just write a little poem
 I tell myself.

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