

FEATURED POET: BOB MCKENTY

THE "HAVES" AND THE "HAVE NOTS"

**The "have nots" have what the "haves" have not.
It's peace of mind. For a thief won't plot
To plunder possessions that they don't possess,
And they need no shelters from the IRS.**

**But the "haves" watch the Fed and they fret and frown
And their pressure goes up when the Dow goes down.
Their real estate holdings make them worry lots.
For deep in their stomachs the "haves" have knots.**

THE LOBSTER: START TO FINISH

**From ocean floor
To thermidor.**

AARD TIMES

**The aardvark ate red ants. Mistake!
Now aardvark has a tummy ache,
His appetite for ants effaced
By their acerbic aftertaste.
Thus ailing, into bed he dives
Until the antidote arrives.
The Alka Seltzer makes him placid—
The best antacid for ant acid.**

THE MOSQUITO

**The mosquito, with syringe built in,
Will plunge it underneath your skin
And draw a droplet of your sap
Because he likes his drinks on tap—
And then, with overbearing gall,
Alight on newly-painted wall,
Full knowing that you dare not swat
For fear he'll leave a crimson spot.**

BLUEBIRDS

**One thing makes the English tingly,
This inspiring sight:
Bluebirds flying over Dover
Keeping white cliffs white.**

RABBIT HABIT

**The fretful little bunny rabbit
Has one peculiar nervous habit.
It seems wherever bunny goes
A fitful twitch afflicts her nose.
Well, you'd be twitching too, my dear,
If you were pregnant every year.**

NUN PUN

**The strangest phenomenon under the sun
Is the famous Mother Teresa bun
That bears her likeness. fitting, for there
Is no better roll model anywhere.**

LAST LAUGH

**Little Willie strangled Ed;
Baked him in a soda bread.
Edward got the last laugh, though:
Turned it into sourdough.**

THE EFFECTS OF THE SEXUAL
REVOLUTION ON LANGUAGE

**We've stolen from the carpenter "erection," "stud," and "screw."
From dancing and from sport we've borrowed "ball."
We took "ejaculation" from the prayerbook in the pew,
And gave the banks our "premature withdrawal."**

HELLO, DOLLY; GOODBYE, MAN

*"Male bashing reached a new low
yesterday, with a lesbian activist
suggesting that human cloning
could make men obsolete."—The
New York Post, April 7, 1997*

**Without you, I am perfectly complete.
To reproduce I'll simply clone, you clown.
Begone, Man! You are henceforth obsolete.
On your way out, would you take the garbage down?**

AMBIGUITY

**The inconclusive evidence
Has left so many on the fence
Who still cannot decide (alas!)
To vote for HA-rass or ha-RASS.**

ABUSED AS A BABY

**My psyche's a mess. Yes, it may be
That I was abused as a baby.
My shrink is regressing me now
To a watery, dark place where—Ow!—
I am being extruded (the gall!)
Through a channel three sizes too small.
From the carefree delights of the womb
To the glare of a cold, sterile room
Where I'm held upside down by some nut
Who is slapping me hard on the butt.
God, I'm covered with blood! (Will I die?)
Still, the sadists all smile when I cry.**

**I'm stark naked. Stop staring! Oh, damn,
There's a guy with a videocam.
Put that camera down! Are you sick?
Are you making a kiddie-porn flick?
Even worse! It's a snuff film. Help, Mummy.
Someone's scissors are aimed at my tummy.
Somewhat later. Masked man in green hat
Has a scalpel! Hey, man, don't cut that!
I'm exhausted and frightened and sore.
Beam me back. I can't take any more.
What a trauma! Incredible stress.
It's no wonder my psyche's a mess.**

VANDALS SACK DENMARK

**COPENHAGEN, Jan 8
(Reuters)—Danish police are
hunting a feminist group
which has claimed respon-
sibility for the decapitation of
the Little Mermaid statue on
the Copenhagen waterfront.**

**A melancholy Dane is she
Whose recent caputectomy
Has left our Little Mermaid more
Topless than she was before,
Defaced by village pillagers
Whose heads are hollower than hers.**

PRE-HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

**The dinosaur died, was consumed by the soil,
And gave of his substance that man might have oil.
When we in the future exhaust that supply,
The Jaguar and Cougar and Mustang shall die.
But who knows what marvels, what grand souvenirs
May rise from their ashes in ten million years?**