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ANIMAL EPITAPHS

For A Moth

In case I come back,
Leave the porch light on

For A Firefly

She was not the sun
She was not the stars
But she was lots of fun
In mayonnaise jars

For A Boll Weevil

Gone but not for cotton
—J. PATRICK LEWIS

CAT SCAN

We scoured the house and the yard,
Then the box by the bed,
But the wave function collapsed
And the cat was dead.

—BRUCE BERGER



TAXING THE PROPHET

“April is the cruelest month...”
So the great T. S. Eliot waxes
Poetic, but did he foresee the fifteenth
Would come crueler still with taxes?

—ERIC CHENG

PAMPHLET FROM THE RIGHT
TO LIFE FOUNDATION

To abort little Willy
Is silly.
That's what war
Is for.
—WILLARD ESPY



FRUIT LOOPS

There are not many airs
about pears.
Or tunes
about prunes.
There's no one to hoot
about fruit
or to give one.
Forgive one
for getting carried away.
This hasn't been a fruitful day.
—EDMUND CONTI

ON LONGFELLOW'S REPUTATION

It never was a plan of mine
to dally with Evangeline.
As for Hiawatha,
why botha?
—GAIL WHITE

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