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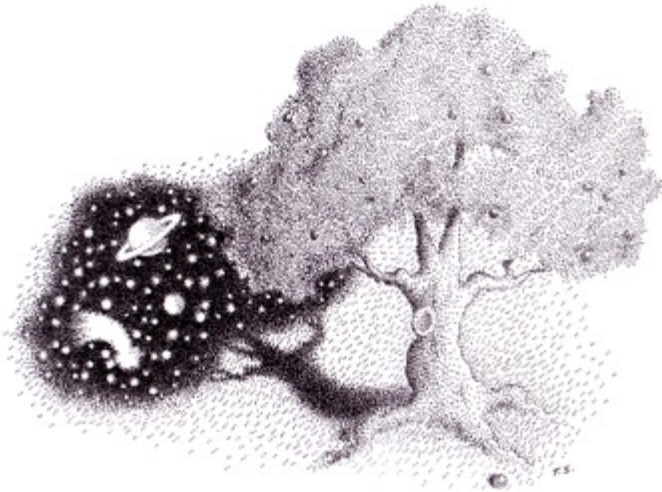
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### LIMERICK

When hunger compels me to eat  
The last thing I want is a beet.  
Traditional starters,  
The shrimps, dips, and tartares,  
Are fine insofar as they're meat.

—FRED YANNANTUONO



### FOR BUTTER OR WORSE

When it comes to butter taste,  
The cows, of course, still win it;  
Unlike their rival margarine,  
We know what they put in it.

—CHARLES GHIGNA



### THE AMERICAN ECONOMY REPLIES TO WHITMAN

Walt said, "Down with work!" and,  
"O, for Heaven's sake, man, be a loafer!"  
It says, "He who likes to loaf"ll  
end up classified as offal."

—RICHARD MOORE



### SCHISMS

At birth begins the long Farewell,  
Mid fields of corn or thistle.  
What creeds dispute is how to spell  
The terms of that epistle.

—DAN CAMPION

### GIVE ME A PLACE TO SIT

My universe is shrinking  
Instead of expanding.  
I can't stand thinking  
And I can't think standing.

—EDMUND CONTI

### KEISTER ISLAND

Its natives' monolithic labors  
Moon their solemn, savage neighbors'.

—DAN CAMPION



### THE SAFE WAY IS THE HEMINGWAY

For Pamplona's running of the bulls,  
Choose a balcony to look,  
Or enjoy on TV far from fools,  
Or safer still—inside a book.

—ERIC CHENG