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THE CENTER EVERYWHERE

We have this in common,
you and I:
we're as different as apple
and blueberry pie.

We have this in common,
I and you:
we're as like as molasses
and Mulligan stew.

What God calls each sparrow
I surely don't know;
what each sparrow calls God
could be relevant, though.
—BOB BROOKS

THE MOIETY OF POETRY

Like it or not, you're a poet. —B. Norris

Now that I'm a poet
I don't drink beer, but Moët.
I'm poor, I'll have you know it,
So I don't pay. I owe it.

—FRED YANNANTUONO



THE POETRY CONTEST

Loves you; loves all, politic, forging links,
even as judge: don't ask him what he thinks!
—RICHARD MOORE

SMALL TALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

I said, "Hello, how do you do?"
He said, "Oh, pretty good, and you?"
He said, "Well, how about this rain?"
I said, "The weather's been a pain."
I said, "And when it rains, it pours."
He said, "We'll have to get the oars."
There wasn't any more to say—

We said the same thing yesterday.
—J. PATRICK LEWIS



BYRON FOR DUMMIES

There is no light-of-love that flickers
Quite so bright as Sister's knickers.
—MARY CRESSWELL

SWEET AS APPLE CIDER

Suicidal in Florida? Seek guidance.
Take Friday off. Go on a holiday.
Avoidance leads to trepidation,
if not dilapidation. Intimidate
and then consolidate—formidable,
yes, but also bridal, seeking solidarity
with a likely candidate, a hidalgo.

—JOHN UPDIKE

HOSPITAL FASHION NOTE

This classy wear has been designed
with gown in front but none behind,
which looks OK when you advance
but in retreat you have no pants.

—JOYCE LA MERS