

THE FLEA CIRCUS

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across the tightrope goes the star of the flea circus in a pink tutu

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"MAMMOTH" ACT

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To Alexis,

All the best

Ma Pizzell

the "Madmen"

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carried from the car
the ventriloquist's dummy
looks around

the rubberband man
stretches in-between
his sidewalk acts

will be eyeing the pretty girl
the vendor man
inflates a long balloon

smoke blows from the giant lips
of the billboard

the cross-eyed customer
tells the salesman
"i'll take them!"

at the supermarket
the spinster smiles
at the cucumbers

in the building's shade
a man winds up
the barking dogs

the ferris wheel turning
into the fog

on the bright marquee
a man's shadow changes the letters

the fat kid
loses 100 pounds
in the curved mirror

reaching for
the wind-up toy
it rides off the table

work done
the garbageman drives off
in a cadillac

long after the party
a helium balloon
slowly turns in mid-air

done
the shoeshine boy
snaps his rag

during the earthquake
briefly admiring
the girls' legs

on the peddler's truck
an emptied scale swings
in the morning sunlight

off the car bumper
sunlight flickers
across the trees

before the fireworks
fireflies

leaning on the car fender
winter mountains

after love making
the sound of rain
returns

light rain
on the young tree
a strip of burlap flaps

in front
of the michelangelo
her perfect round ass

a loose kite
dives
in the summer mountains

the dog runs after the stick
i pretend to throw

the visiting mother-in-law
re-arranges the furniture

slicing a ripe pomegranate
watching the horror movie

the windowpane reflects
a tv cartoon
snow falling

snow piles up
the barber shop pole
spins into itself

1900

1901

1902

1903

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