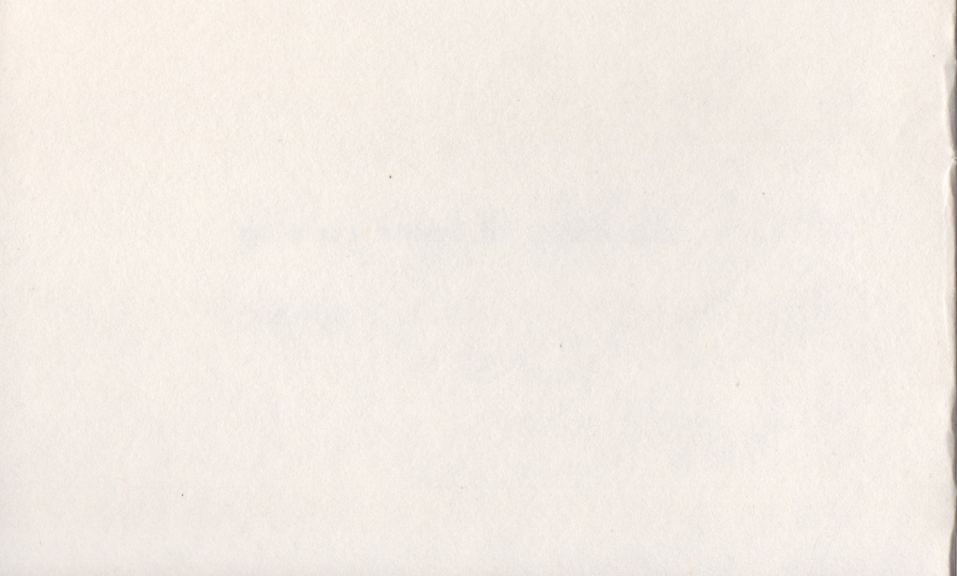


the smell of mom's cooking

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To Jim Kacian
Best wishes
Ron Stefanac

Dec. 1996

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for my parents

the beads of sweat

glistening on their skin lit

for my parents' reading

the book is great

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jazz musician
the beads of sweat
splits its skin lit

jazz musician
the beads of sweat
lit

thunderclap!
an overripe tomato
splits its skin

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an overripe tomato
splits its skin

biting a flea
the sunlit flash
of the bitch's teet

biting a flea
the snail flash
of the pitch's test

forced paperwhites
clusters of snowflakes
crowd the windowpanes

forced paperwhites
clusters of snowflakes
crowd the windowpanes

group rally
protesting medicare cuts
he sprains an ankle

group rally
protesting medicare cuts
be speaks an ankle

pouring coffee
the waitress
stifles a yawn

pouring coffee
the waitress
stiffles a yawn

the space between
two sparrows
on a wire

the space between

two sparrows

on a wire

war memorial
the names deeply etched
filling with dust

war memorial
the names deeply etched
filling with dust

washday
finding a joint
in my son's jeans

wasday
finding a joint
in my son's jeans

heat wa leaf
the mel upon ice cube
between leaf breasts

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leaf
upon
leaf

heat wave
the melting ice cube
between her breasts

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heat wave
the melting ice caps
between hot breasts

December mist
where he buried bones
burying our dog

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December that
where he buried bones
burying our dog

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lovmaking . . .

the crack neighbor's window

in my friend's ceiling

looming . . .
in the track
in my friend's ceiling

Runer-Up Best of Japan
November 19, 1917

summer
through the neighbor's window
a homerun

—for J.C.S.

summer time
through the neighbor's window
a homestead

springtime burial
folding the rain-soaked flag
into a triangle

--for J.C.S.

springtime burial
folding the rain-soaked flag
into a triangle

--for J.C.S.

downsizing
one last time
this bird's-eye view

--for v.t.

downsizing
one last time
this bird's-eye view

swimming in deep waters
the stars
never so near

--for v.t.

swimming in deep waters
the stars
never so near

--for v.t.

one-night stand
the mildew
in the shower stall

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one-night stand
the mildew
in the shower stall

snow
softening
the night

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the night
softening of snow's
snow

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in the hallway

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