

The Visitor

She kept
 eating bean
sprouts

And farting
 all the way
to the ski tow

Once on skis
 her legs
kept going

Every which
 away
those health

Food addicts
 my daughter
said, once she

Shook the visitor
 finally
and made it

To the bottom
 of the
run

Those health
 food
addicts, ugh

-- Judson Crews

Chillicothe MO

Thru Blue Dust, New Mexico

24:

drifting in the bus thru
Blue Manzano Mountains
down to Jemez Springs
place of the boiling water

Giysewa Pueblo
settled before Columbus
We buy some beer drive
off highway 380
The old County Court House

L. G. Murphy and Co.
in the 1870's

It was from this
building that Billy the
Kid ran April 28, 1881
ran down the two guards
dead flowers

A caretaker and attendant
are the pamphlet says
on duty at all times

71:

climbing from the 4th
earth womb without
light or warmth men
with tails black bodies

climbing from the white
world to the red
animals guiding them
fir tree as a ladder

climbing higher wood
pecker eating thru
to the blue world

4 years in that blue
world badgers and
whirlpool guiding
them up the tree
ladder to the
chosen yellow land

my heart iyatiku
says will be your food
gave each an ear of
corn smiling the sap
from it milk
from my breasts

41:

rabbit hunts deer hunts

sage thrown in the
fire so the smoke
would go all over
the world

smoke for strength
red paint on the skin
prayers to the sun father
deer blood to thank earth

One winter of snow
the deer came like
tame horses

that great deer winter
4000 died
with no offering
of blood or flesh
to the earth mother

who was so angry
since then there've
been few deer
sometimes none at all

80:

tetela new mexico

4 fragments of a
huge bone covered
with carved cats
heads snakes
monsters hunting
scenes under a
full moon before
the bow and
arrow before
dogs

roasting meat
cutting stone horn
bone and skin
bison skeleton with
the tail bone gone
the robes taken
studded with red
beads dust mixed
from iron dust

around the time
that niagara falls
was starting to
be water

81:

praising and fearing earth
the hokokan dug canals
made earth and pole houses
they worshipped dream beings
white wind clouds had
few signs of war none of
aggression until the papagos
came and made them fight
like wolves. when the success
ful warriors came back 4
scalp hairs in leather they
had a 16 day cure for insanity
to mourn the waste of blood

91:

acoma

tall and craggy

but the spanish
crawled up the
mesa thru arrows
for blankets food

shot the male
warriors in their
kivas dragged

500 women and
their sons down
to the valley

the men over 35
lost one foot
became slaves
along with the
children for 20
years. 2 hopis

who were visiting
were sent home
with their right
hand cut off
as a warning

-- Lyn Lifshin

Albany NY