

RIP

his favorite actor was  
rip torn, and his favorite author,  
washington irving.

he only entered the ocean  
on afternoons when red flags  
streamed from the lifeguard towers.

when drunk, he was never described  
as "smashed," "blotto," or "polluted."

he never wore holes in the knees or  
elbows of his clothing, but always caught  
his pockets on a nail.

his favorite proverb was, "as you sew,  
so shall you, et cetera."

he loved especially the flora  
and the fauna of the river banks.

he mastered parachuting  
at an early age.

the logs for his mountain hideaway,  
he sawed in the direction of  
the grain.

by trade he was a swindler.

his forte was the clever reply.

he was a student of the history  
of urban english homicides.

his dreams invariably were of undulations.

for relaxation he attended boisterous westerns.

on his gravestone, the carver abbreviated  
requiescat in pace and forgot the periods.

THE PORNOGRAPHER'S FAVORITE ANTACID

sure, rolaids spell relief,  
but what do tums spell backwards?