

## Median 26

The fealty to substandard soil  
is the prevalence of actored stones:  
I have palely derived wizened  
wassails of leaning liens, souring  
beneath the chocolate soda loam.  
The corpse, burnt beyond vaudeville,  
is kewpie toast --

Only that which has not forsaken  
me is beyond recognition.

-- Gil Orlovitz

New York, New York

## A Mistake

Assasinated by amputees  
whom he thought  
thought him  
the one who  
ordered  
their mutilation,

he tried to explain  
he was innocent,  
but  
the amputees were too noisy.

Finally,  
an amputee said:  
"We knew you had  
no power to order  
anything done.

So shut up."

-- Duane Locke

Tampa, Florida