

Ugly House

Victorian grotesquerie
with towers
and fancy shingles
and jigsaw work
covered with aluminum paint
and asbestos shingles
then rented
to dubious boarders
who pay a day late
and keep a fifth
behind the books

— Gloria Kenison
Newtonville, Mass.

My Needs And Yours

A meal to fill me, for a rhyme,
My name is Maxwell Bodenheim;
I've words galore, but not a dime,
My name is Maxwell Bodenheim.

And if you'll rest me for a time,
I, being Maxwell Bodenheim,
Will pay my lodging with a rhyme,
A rhyme by Maxwell Bodenheim.

Nymphets

Forbidden
young blondes
are like butter on
warm days:
teasingly elusive
and unusually golden

— Walt Phillips
Turners Falls, Mass.