

i saw a B-51 fly fly
around the light bulb
and asked myself: will
my sense of humor hold out?
the thing was big and black
and made a shocking noise in
the bones
the kind of fly that bites
a horse's ass
and spreads terror among
the anthrax-fearing!

Joe Kidgel killed cats with his foot
(while his buddies held them
well stretched out from head to tail)
Joe Kidgel was a football hero
of local importance
Joe Kidgel went to war --
was killed by a bomb
a merciful death as it
hit him right on the head
Joe Kidgel was a war hero
of local importance

Poem # 46

Ignore his situation
Keep the branding iron in your pocket
Who's good looks matter to the postman?
He delivers our mail
Do not ask for whom he tolls
... the piece of wood
on which the boy is working
was Abraham Lincoln

Poem # 49

Dead pigs hanging on the butcher-shop wall
small blue flowers in the butcher's nose
flutter gently only when he sneezes

Poem # 50

Tis a cold wind
that blows no toasty cornflakes
into our cardboard lives

-- Harry Bell

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