

Icicles grew on the lips
of all the loudspeakers but they broke
at the very first word.

-- James Hazard

Rationale

It rained
and the tent leaked
on clowns, animals,
the highwire act,
ringmasters, managers,
barkers, the owners,
and the paid up
admissions;
and dampened
the act of charity,
and the star:
anonymous.

Neighborhood Incident

Descended
from original imports
a flock of sparrows
fill the yard
like gypsies
ransacking the grass
fluffing feathers
in driveway dust
chirping
exercising their right
to avian antics
until
a cruising police car
puts them to flight

circling ...

-- Ben Tibbs

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Viewpoints

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They will say,
laughing a bit, "We
had to wait an hour
for a guy in shirt-
tails and a two-day
beard to leave/ our
very first flat!"

For me,
it was a long day
of packing, scrubbing
and burning/ thinking
of you.

-- G. R. Morgan

West Lafayette, Indiana