

Lecturer

You should
love yourself
he said you
should care.
We were sitting
on bleachers
listening.
Old myths are
useless find
new ones
to go by.
I understood.
I'm a veteran
(instructed at 11)
a master of
self-love.
But that's
not what
he meant.

2 Days to Xmas

In bed late
Billie Holiday
coming across
KXRQ my lady
mumbles how cold
she is and
I say well
let's have at
it but she's
a onceaweek
girl and curls
up with an
electric blanket.

Dogs

I had 3
dogs all
died then
this new
one swallowed
a ball
and damn
near joined
the parade.

Looker

She was a looker
but all them
in this place
were lookers.
She took me
to this room
where she undid
my fly skinned
me back for
a look then
washed it up
over a basin.
Stretched out I
saw her ear
was bunged up
like someone bit
it forget
that concentrate
on this she
said spreading
her hips just
like those broads
in Dr. Funk's
home movies.