

### 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 onceaweeek  
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.