

At the Tobacconist

First, if I chose  
to smoke  
a Salazar perfecto

Or take a good  
double dip  
of Rodriquez

Or perchance  
I'll just have a  
cork-tipped Garcia

The old candle-lighter  
winked and took  
a chaw of plug Rasmussen

God damn those  
God damn  
Russians

Now how did they  
ever make it into  
the tobacco business

#### Delineation

Among the roots  
metaphysical  
a mind  
brawny as roots

Yes, twisting and turning  
in the earth  
sucking up  
water, breaking rocks

To make a green crown  
a growing myth  
a metaphysic  
that is a mind

Reaching down there  
in the dung  
under the earth  
shaping itself  
with the shape  
of brawny roots