

## A CURSE

Shut in chickens for the night,  
feed an old carrot to Snowball the rabbit,  
piss a curse for the fat coon --  
lives across the road in the bush  
laughing at me, smacking his lips,  
"chicken dinner, rabbit stew ..."

## ORION AND THE LADY

Damn it's cold  
outside sighting stars.

Open cabin door  
to fresh bread smell.

## THE GREEN PEAS

3 days of rain follow  
3 days of holiday  
  
so I am sober, clean  
and clear throughout  
  
as the green peas climb  
the fishnet in the garden.

## LIBRARY LUNCH

Thumbing through 2 books:  
  
one a history  
of the Milky Way,  
the other a story  
of the Silk Road  
between Rome and Cathay.

Andromeda and Tamerlane.

Photos of galaxies:

"do not wail for my soul  
but please do pray"

said Timur "the Lame."

## WORKINGMAN'S SATORI

The hoe  
is a damned  
handy tool.

## DANCE STEP

Cleaned debris  
of the  
chicken house:

laid out  
fresh straw:

picked up  
three eggs:

let the  
chickens out  
to scratch:

already the  
neighbor talks  
first frost.