

## ALICE IN ACADEME

I was pleasantly surprised  
when I learned that we were now to have  
one personal holiday a year,  
a day over-and-above our sickdays,  
which could not be accumulated,  
but which could be used for any reason whatsoever.

Later I heard one of the deans explaining  
that the holiday of course could not be taken  
on a day when we had classes.

## ROLL OVER, ARISTOTLE

for their final exam  
i give my contemporary fiction class  
the question, "what's new in the novel?"

and going over their answers,  
i find one guy has written,  
"literature never changes -- it still  
comes down to whether or not you're  
getting laid."

there should be a grade  
a little higher than A-Plus.

## IN THE HEART OF THE HEART OF THE MAN WITH THE BLUE HOTEL

i'm sorry but no poem  
could live up to  
the above title.

## TAKING PRECAUTIONS

when he heard the a-russian flu was in town,  
he switched from bourbon to vodka.

-- Gerald Locklin

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