

TALKING WITH STEVE

comes easy.
He favors myth
I'm pushing &
expanding heaven &
earth with him
feels natural
as hell.

MAGGIE

Maggie's one tough lady.
Her students don't
see it because
her body's weak
& she's tolerant
of their failings.
Incisive thinking
is her ax
& she gives no
quarter cutting
loose lipped intellectuals
in our faculty
precisely to
the bone.

SPIRIT CATCHER

Ming our Siamese
is 13 & won't
play games --
youth & memory
long since coughed
up with hair balls
& bird bones.
He waits motionless
for hours focusing
on each diminishing
moment spirit
poised to pounce.