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the dark disease of
Mt Vesuvius claims
its 59th victim

A Norse penny is
found off the
coast of Maine

it goes to 38 below
in Devil's Canyon
North Dakota

blood dissolves in
the clay near Spook
Rock Road Photographs

you took of me
flatten like a fossil
The light dazes

as glass must have
when the deer crashed
thru the A & P

starved for water

POETRY READING BENEFIT

There are the ladies
in navy blue suits
who leave when some
one says prick in
a room where you can
hear it It's 45°
and there's cold
cups of apple juice
The Indian pulls
a blanket close a
round him There is
always a long haired
pale thin woman in
a rose flowered dress
who pulls her arms
close around her
would even under a

90° sun One poet
listens for lines
he can use and jots
them down on a boot
heel None of the
poets have watches
the mike hums and
buzzes and splats
like a vest of bees
a giant stamps on
There is more pain
than there is apple
juice The poet
who talks about
splitting wood and
seeing his breath
over a desolate
frozen stream has
written a thirty one
part poem about
this Someone
listens sniffing
patchouli for
something to do She
writes a dream down
The poet who is
building his body
takes off his
clothes and reads
a poem about how
people prefer
wrestling matches
to poetry readings
and for the first
time so far the
audience under
stands what's said

SOMETHING IN ME

like my handwriting
becoming harder to
read I don't know
if it's to make you
read more closely
spend more time or
so you can't