

AFTER A DIVORCE

Harley Blake said
I don't know what I thought
it was
but it certainly wasn't
anything like this
freedom
from what
and he dumped the pancake
flour mess
into the sink
washed it down the drain
and went to Sambo's for
breakfast

ULTIMATUM

Lupe's family
had a fit
but she enlisted in the
army anyway
She said, I'm old enough
to vote
and make my own choice
and if you don't want me
coming home
on furlough
just say so
Everyone kept stone silent
watched her close
the suitcase
and zipper up her life