

THE JESTER

I don't know why
Uncle Bartis Duke made
so much fun of Indians
their braids
and Saturday red satin
shirts
When all anyone had to do
was
look at his Bull Durham
face
and see Choctaw tobacco
running down his chin
Guess he wanted people
to think he was pure English
like his Grandpa Duke
up there in the Odd Fellows
Cemetery

THE COLLECTOR

Rosa Menchaca's big
front window is full of
bottles
fat green Vin Rosé
clear Almaden
brown glass Coors
some tall ketchup and
Seven Up
People dump choice bottles
on her lawn
she picks them up happily
makes room