

THEN AND NOW

We thought of teachers
as godly creatures
just below
Abraham Lincoln in rank
wise
temperate
disciplined
and always able to give
the right answer
to every question
What in the world
would we have done
with Ellery Hoskins
who knows
absolutely nothing
about anything
least of all himself

NIGHTMARES

Masuka said her
husband
Okie Beavers
used to dream of
his mother's pies
after they married
in Japan
and talk aloud
apple, peach
chocolate meringue
Once he got
out of bed calling
Mama
give me another
piece of custard pie