

QUICK STOP

Nov. 25 drove to Davis
to pick up daughter
Lisa for holidays.
Arrived 30 minutes
early. Stopped UCD
bookstore for food.
Poetry stale. Settled
for narrow ruled
notebook. Hope to
cook something up.

TASTE OF NOTORIETY

Small book review
in local paper
stimulates a
call from guy
I haven't seen
in 34 years;
earlier in day
a beginning poet
phoned for advice --
a tiny & slightly
disturbing taste
of notoriety.

CONTINUATION STUDENTS

Most times I
can't face students
in my care
comfortably.
They crave stability.
They need a consistent
trustworthy model
& settle uneasily
for anything less.
Like them I
search for that
model in me.

HORSE SHOES

The shoe sails
turning & twisting
leaning as it
lands in a puff
of dust & rolls
past the stake.
Not what the mind
behind the pitch intended
but there's another shoe
& as many chances
as one could wish
to reach perfection.

HEADWAY

2 am & can't sleep.
Just finished first
painting in 2 1/2 years.
A small watercolor.
Put it on wall,
but keep moving it
around adjusting
lights trying to see
it ... see if I've
made any headway.

CAN MAN

Old, stooped, plants
each foot tenderly
as he strolls Granite
Bay dragging king-
size plastic bag half
filled with empties.
Keeps pride on leash
as he rummages thru
50-gallon garbage drums
with an audience
numbering in
the hundreds.

-- Phil Weidman

North Highlands CA