

i recommended no one in the office
purr around the wacko.

THE MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS

fascinating was
the cat's deadly ritual
stalk/catch/tease/release
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except to the chipmunk
and sue who didn't like
to think her pet capable
of such cruelty
i reassured her it was
merely the cat's natural
instincts at work
hell, it was more entertaining
than a pro wrestling match
but i finally tired
waiting for the kill
cut the doomed chipmunk
in half with an axe
throwing the remains
in the bushes
sue, grateful i'd ended
its suffering took me to bed
and screwed my brains out
all the damned cat
gave me was a dirty look.

SOMETHING'S CLICKING

something's clicking juices
flowing it's 9:15 a.m. i
feel like sitting at this
goddamn typewriter all day
drinking writing getting
into a creative groove
it's cold overcast may even
snow j.b. has a night meeting
will be home late and pissed
if i drink all her wine i've
just enough money for a pint
of bourbon and quart of beer
christ it's nearly 2 miles
round trip to the store i'll
have to walk don't have any

frigging gloves the neighbors
are lesbians so i can't screw
one and borrow her car but
wistful thinking won't get
me to the store staying stone
sober isn't appealing i'm
just going to buy the pint
it'll fit in my jacket pocket
and help keep my fingers warm
some clever bastard aren't i?

THE LAST TIME

she said she'd never seen
a guy beat off so
i leaned back grabbed my
hard-on started pumping
she spread her legs rubbing
cunt and clit and breasts
christ both of us moaning
panting shaking climaxing
come dribbling down cock
and hand suddenly she's
crouched touching licking
tasting an hour later
i'm heading my torino
south to lansing towards
a life i thought i'd wanted
to leave but couldn't

THIS ONE'S FOR MY OLD MAN

who dropped dead
at 47 in the middle
of a word
and missed by 2 years
my first newspaper byline
and by 16 years
my first published poem
vicarious pride denied
he'd often yearned to write
penned a short story
that didn't sell and
never tried again