

SYLVIA

Her friend said Sylvia Plath did not intend to die.
Early that morning she
Brought her children milk and bread
Wrote a note with the doctor's phone number
Expected the housegirl to come
At 10:00.

When she stuck her head in the oven
At 9:55, the housegirl
Was at home in bed with the doctor.

SNAKE BITE

When Stephen Crane was bitten by a snake,
His friends gave him whiskey.
They cauterized the wound with a hot poker
He began to grow unconscious.

He was failing fast when
They said it was only a chicken snake.
Suddenly he became very drunk.

-- Christine Melhuse
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