

## GRETEL

I feel sorry  
for our dobie.  
She doesn't  
have hands.  
She does her  
loving with a  
soft pink tongue  
backed by a  
set of shark  
white teeth.

## FIFTYONE

A fortune teller,  
18 years ago,  
predicted a  
devastating crisis  
in my 50th year.  
My left hand life  
line splits half way  
down, my right hand  
line swerves then  
continues strong.  
I've always favored  
my right hand.

## ESCAPE THE MUSIC

Highway 80 to Reno  
was blocked off  
below Truckee for  
six hours today.  
Trucker with load  
of diesel flipped  
his rig spreading  
a wall of fire  
across both lanes.  
Highway patrol figured  
driver got burned  
up in the blaze  
but he escaped,  
leaving hitchhiker to fry,  
& hopped an east  
freight to Sparks.

## MY JOB

My job (as I  
see it) is to  
set down  
clean & clear  
the substance  
of my passage,  
generating (along  
the way) what  
light I can.

## TRICK

Sold Luger I  
used to keep  
under pillow.  
Bought 22/410  
over & under  
which is safer  
but can still  
do the trick.

## FREEZE

I hate to answer  
the phone. I'm  
afraid my blind  
aunt Joyce will  
say my mother  
just died, &  
I'll freeze, not  
knowing what  
the hell to do.

## ZOO VISIT

Visited Sacramento zoo  
Sunday which  
saddened me.  
Only creatures to lift  
my spirits were  
sparrows darting  
in & out  
of the cages.