

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.

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.

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.

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.