

but the ceremony was delayed
while some of the bride's cousins from Montana
tried to lasso
a giant, crazed brown bear
just some hours fugitive
from the nearby
San Diego Zoo.

The priest was late too.
Some of the in-laws
got a bit touchy about
raising his bail.

The couple
were having their honeymoon
in Kuwait.

"Dare to be different," they said.

We all cheered and waved
the limo goodbye.
Halfway out the park
it got
a flat tire.

Most of the guests
rang the happy parents,
the day after the wedding, to say
they had had ...

food-poisoning.

OBSERVATION, NUMBER THREE

You can tell
if a house is being rented by rock musicians
by the number of empty pizza cartons
out front
on garbage day.

LA BREA TAR PITS OF THE MIND

The construction workers
wolf whistle
at the passing office girls,
their leers
setting in the concrete.

BATH PLUG

A way
to edit
water.