

ORANGE

of cigarette glowing
brighter as i
draw,
different
from glowing orange
of space heater

P.F.C. MORGAN

loses his wallet somewhere
tells the whore
now, don't get excited

COMPETITION

thunder outside Sept. 18
& cathy upstairs
moving her things out

WHAT ASHBERY ET AL. SAID
AT THE BIG POETRY MEETING

i don't care what
ashbery et al. said
at the big poetry meeting

ROBIN JAYNES

bob munn's buddy
used to give me lifts home
from his house in throgg's neck
my smoking in the van
would bother him
you're a young guy, he'd say
why kill yourself, man

dies at 40
from agent orange exposure
in vietnam
the cancer hit him in the leg
like a safe falling on him
& he was gone

just like that.

yrs later
mun flies into a murderous rage
when i put down the rolling stones
whom i've always hated
because the stones were robin's
favorite & robin
was munn's best friend
(he can't talk about his last days
w/out breaking down into
tears & wild anger)

COULDN'T REALLY TELL YOU

what 'pathetic fallacy' means
but it doesn't sound too good
does it