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the dark green blue-tongue lizard  
poking his head out from between  
porch sofa cushions  
again as I write  
makes me smile

the older I get the  
more I feel like an animal  
& the less I feel like a man

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Hokusai waves  
Van Gogh stars  
Bukowski beer

I'm just a snake  
in the redbelly grass

WAITING ON A DESPERATE CHECK

it's scary waiting  
for hardup income  
via the mail  
payment for a picture  
what happens if it's delayed  
or gets lost but you've never  
lost money in the mail  
before so you check the mailbox  
hoping for that big fat overdue check

just a bundle of 6 Wormwood Reviews  
my first appearance in a mag  
with Bukowski

money  
isn't  
everything

STIR-FRY POEM

I watched  
the  
noodle  
water  
boil