

THE MAN WHO LOVED BEGINNINGS

he had real initiative,
was a self-starter
but he never seemed to
finish anything.

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M IN A RUT, BUT

every day I eat my lunch
in this order:
cookies first
then bagel
then banana
then sandwich
then carrots
then dried prunes.
a big lunch,
but I spread it out
over the day:
cookies with morning coffee
bagel at 10 am
banana at 11
sandwich with coffee at noon
carrots at 2 pm
prunes at 4. never
planned it this way, it just
happens. another
meaningless pattern
in a life composed of
pointless routines.

some day I may
reverse the order and
really shake things up.

—David Barker

Salem, OR