

MARVIN

We always thought Marvin
was a straight Okie name
exclusive to our culture
 like Billy Wayne
 and Reba Fay

Easy and comfortable
our cousin from Tulsa
 married a Marvin
 big roustabout
 with Skelly oil

We were due for many
 cultural shocks
when we landed
in the far far West

And met Doctor Marvin Schwartz
eye ear and throat man
 whose Jewish mother
 loved that name

Also I heard tell of Marvin
a crooked lawyer from
 Escondido
who was hiding out
from twenty divorcées
 fearing for his life

Then there was Marvin
of the great poems
in small print
 late of Wormwood
but not too late
 to qualify
for my Marvin canon

—Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel
Tulare, CA