

GAGAKU
(for MM)

depressed this 2-2-94 morn then
mail brought me up
70 copies of Wormwood 132
sign 70
return 35

this brought me
UP

as most of you will
understand

as I signed'em a knock
my sister
with my ma

my ma hadn't visited
here
in 30 years

she's 82 and frail and took
about 10 minutes as I helped her
about 50 rough feet into my
cave
innards

demons don't even care about th'above important to me
events of
today

they point at their 2 chest nipples
both light green
unshiny

and I guess they want my attention now
yes
they nod
clearly
nod

I like to think I'm exorcising'em but they act a bit
bashful now
turning their faces down & to
side

little bo peeps
shy
harmless
even cute in their red
full cotton
coats

—Steve Richmond
Santa Monica, CA

FIRST APPEARANCE IN WORMWOOD

shivering in winter sun
with a hot cup of tea
& a good strong joint
reading 2 great poems
in WR: 131 by a first
appearance guy named
Carter from Oregon
makes me realize
how fortunate I am
to be in there myself
for the first time in
#129: 10 poems + the cover

Marvin's already accepted
more poems & wants
another cover

guys like him
give me hope

—Billy Jones
Queensland, Australia