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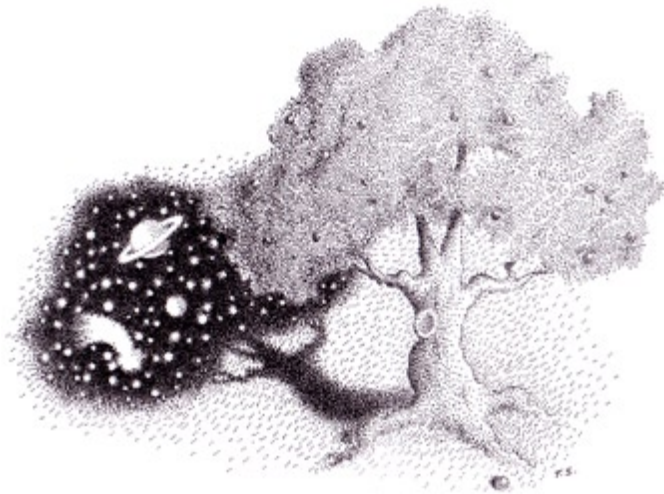
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LIMERICK

When hunger compels me to eat
The last thing I want is a beet.
Traditional starters,
The shrimps, dips, and tartares,
Are fine insofar as they're meat.

—FRED YANNANTUONO



FOR BUTTER OR WORSE

When it comes to butter taste,
The cows, of course, still win it;
Unlike their rival margarine,
We know what they put in it.

—CHARLES GHIGNA



THE AMERICAN ECONOMY REPLIES TO WHITMAN

Walt said, "Down with work!" and,
"O, for Heaven's sake, man, be a loafer!"
It says, "He who likes to loaf"ll
end up classified as offal."

—RICHARD MOORE



SCHISMS

At birth begins the long Farewell,
Mid fields of corn or thistle.
What creeds dispute is how to spell
The terms of that epistle.

—DAN CAMPION

GIVE ME A PLACE TO SIT

My universe is shrinking
Instead of expanding.
I can't stand thinking
And I can't think standing.

—EDMUND CONTI

KEISTER ISLAND

Its natives' monolithic labors
Moon their solemn, savage neighbors'.

—DAN CAMPION



THE SAFE WAY IS THE HEMINGWAY

For Pamplona's running of the bulls,
Choose a balcony to look,
Or enjoy on TV far from fools,
Or safer still—inside a book.

—ERIC CHENG