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FAT LADY'S EPIPHANY

When I was young I dreamt of being
Tall and fair and willowy.
But decades on, the me I'm seeing?
Short and dark and pillowy.

The corpulent magnificence
Of sea cow, dugong, manatee
Is proof of the irrelevance
Of vanity.

—MARIAN NOVICK



STOLEN CREDIT CARD

After the theft
Out I was left.

After he swiped
Out I was wiped.
—EDMUND CONTI



REFLECTIONS ON THE BLOCK

"How can I be sure?"
Asked Sir Thomas More.
"Caveat Emptor,"
Replied his Redemptor.
—JONATHAN LEVY

GEOSOCIOLOGY

When two tectonic plates collide,
they either buckle, or there is subduction.
The same is true of egos: one side
goes under, or they each suffer reduction.
—LESLIE MONSOUR



THE LAW OF CONSERVATION

The sum of matter stays the same.
Just mix and match the atoms
And suddenly you have a Cain
Where once you had an Adam.
—AMIT MAJMUDAR

POST PRANDIAL

Here's what I think
As I stand by the sink
Washing the dinner guests' dishes:
Of the food that they ate
Lots was left on the plate.
Did they really mean, "That was delicious!"?
—EDMUND CONTI



ONE WAY TO COPE WITH A POETRY READING

I listened, sir, hard as I could,
liked best what I misunderstood,
neatly replacing your intent
with better meanings than you meant.
—RICHARD MOORE