## THE ECLECTIC FUNNY TO COME

Now let us talk on poverty. The poor are here, they'll always be And ain't we glad that we've got class So we can say look at that. Politicians, now they'll change The money to a fairer range, Where all will win and Be the same. Its good to hear election news And celebrate our Chargex views, Where twenty million people live With little love and less to give. We stand beneath the maple leaf While still one third are starved in grief. I heard that dog food's going down So people can, now live on ground, But gee I wish we'd all be happy Our government is just like pappy. And now the workers' union strike, They pulled the plug that holds the dike And then they curse and wonder why That lazy bum, he wants the sky. Why want more than two bucks an hour When Libby's beans have got the power. Potatoes are so cheap as well Remember this, you'll not see hell So why complain, the rich are sad, They won't make heaven, now aren't you glad. Oh dear, but generous student loans, The food we eat has formed us bones And to think some day we'll be The essence of society The book store's been a help so sweet While gently seeking profit reaps, The students now a chimney sweep. And when we finally graduate The grief hits hard but thus too late, That manpower is of distant lores The job for you is sweeping floors. Religious freaks have all gone nuts Despite the fact they do have guts. Garner Ted says man is wrong But is this not the same old song. I cannot write a poem for fun I've lost the meaning of the sun Until the clouds are broken through I'll see my world, not clouds of blue.

Stephen J. Vasseur

# ISOLATED

Lonely; useless; unaccomplished; incomplete You are the dispicable of the world.
You have known great pain.
Robbed of childhood, you became no
Better than the thieves that stole
Your feeling's; told you lies; turned
You away when you needed help most.

Left unattended; incurable; desperate -You sought for a way of life That might raise you to our standards. Seeking for the pleasures you could Not attain in youth, you could not Seperate reality from fantasy; The morbid from the ordinary.

Resigned; decrepit; hollow; void You are a shadow of our dreams,
And the blackness of our fears.
Though we may strive to throw you off,
You will not be shut away.
For wherever we turn our backs
There will be a shadow,
And when we fear you in our lies,
Ours will be the blackness of peril.

T.J. Murray

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### ENCHANTED ROAD

Not once, but twice I have been down a road; A road many men never see nor travel in a lifetime. Other men run or walk too fast along this same road, never knowing, understanding nor even caring about the beauty passing by A beauty which once gone may never return again. This road can be found anywhere by anyone It can be long or short, but even the short road leaves long lasting memories. We both walked slowly along this enchanted road until we reached, all too soon, the crossroads. We parted. Our road was short but the memories are long, Precious, never to be forgotten. Was it all a beautiful fantasy? Were you by my side, or did I walk alone with an impossible dream?

Pat C.

# GAUDY, GRACIOUS, GODLESS

He was here; but mostly he was there. He stared: yet was stone blind. He spoke, and every word was anguish. He felt no love; but was cherished. His ability to hurt was in words, His graciousness also.

I could not like him; but loved instead.
I wanted to shake him, but gritted my teeth,
Pleading with the Judge; I was hated by accusors,
And as his witness; I was despised by his own jurisdiction.

When I think of him, there is no day or night—
All time speeds up to one staccatto second:
Gone forever almost before it's here;
Existing long enough to brand indelibly
Memories of a proud man,
Thoughts of a father...
Who dies more times than there are moments passed,

Spending more time in the past, than there is to come.

At the end, the verdict will be given gently:
Only Love can be unfailing, [if you let it live].
So often his truly starved spirit,
Aware of its nakedness, cloaks uneasy seeking
With oppressive self-inspection—
The mainly maintenance of a gaudy first impression.

By Becky Mowat

FOR PATTIE

The lone, tall birch,
Now naked of the bright hue of autumn,
Lays its long, formless shadow across my shoulders.
The sweet, mild air,
Now still with fragrance of small, musky worlds,
Lays long, cool fingers against my warm cheek.
In the distance,
Up among clouds of everlasting dreams,
I watched you stroll out among thoughts from east to west.

Joey Kincaid

A thought, a joy, a love in mist,

I may never be able to express myself to you

During that time, since we've met, It is doubtful that you know the real me.

Now I think I may have ruined

Whatever chance there was for you and I.

On a bare hope, with a beautiful dream One can only say that there is room for you.

Here, and now, I wish I could see
If there is a place in this world for you with me

Relating upon these reflections I've made, Do as you feel. Your heart, it knows best.

Roger Winsor

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