

Dearest James & Aldea: Let Us Consider

Excellence in education;
Can there ever be such a thing?

Forget the Professor's,
Think of what students don't bring

Ask a question in class;
It'll be abundantly clear;
The students are present,
But their minds are not here!

They've left them at home,
Along with their books;
To request a little feedback
Is to meet with blank looks!

Is it the threat of being labelled
A Keener... a Nerd?

Must our halls of academia
Echo eternally....
thought left unheard?

Now the students aren't stupid;
This their presence here attests!
So why this thundering silence?
ummm.....ummm.....

Keith Worrall



In Ripples (An ode to Johnny Foster)

There is a place I know
Not too far from Minto.
Where weeds line the ditch
And the sun casts a hazen glow on
the sign for Roger's meat cutting
in Ripples.

Over there the acrid bile from
Uncle Merle's Monster Truck
Poisons the air
in Ripples

Someday
I will own my own Monster Truck
Like Uncle Merle
But only if I'm lucky
in Ripples

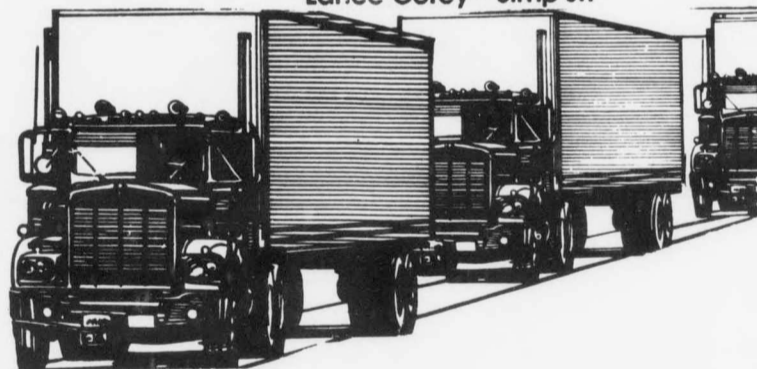
You will find Johnny Foster here most days.
He is a big man with his
satellite dish,
A German shepard,
and a late model Capri
in Ripples

Johnny's five kids like dirt
and Atari
I don't know why Yipp and Yoko hate living
in Ripples

Johnny would sure love to finish learning
The French Horn,
or else win his Tag numbers
in Ripples

Not much insulation on the trailer
The wind blows hard right through.
Just sitting around the house all day
Tends to chill Johnny's nipples
in Ripples

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