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In case of emergency
break this glass eye

good advice
said the forward-backward man
his horned toad friend
talked nonchalantly about
travelling in circles

I know nothing of life
except confusion

Confusion turns turtle pies
into segregated wombats
and I have no use
for segregated wombats-
they only bring confusion.

eye is my life
only brings sight and pane
a distant window
mirrors the carrothead.
a forgetful abstinence
I must admit

or must eye
a binocular effect
that's it!
two steps forward
and one back

I'm in the middle
and, and
I'm still confused
by all this
kaleidoscopic forgery.

find yourself
Mr. up-down ma. . . .
excuse me, uh,
Mr. backward-forward man,
I quite forgot
you were standing there,
weren't you?

please
tell the mushrooms to line up.
there.
now we have enough room
to bring in
the perforated camel with
the zip-top obenfixer
and don't forget the
microwave spitoon.
yes-

spit must evaporate
or the world will come to
an end by last friday
said Mr. horned toad.



"To see the world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower;
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour."

William Blake



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lookit charit
eatin
arm jam beets

tungs a
purpuzzled

fundy jits
buzzled

manshee mits
catchin

birtbills fer
fetchin

arnins by
loomin

creesnips
unzoomin

olins
beluffin

dreedums
fotuffin

mandies
lamaze

beetsis
focraze

an epsom salt
remains in my head

unfortunate granule
remember waking

and finding
nothing to remember

my mind races
along an open highway
closed - unfortunately,
on Sunday
by a blue ponyman

his right arm covers
an avocado sack
to hide all traces
of beginning.

the blue ponyman feasts
on
asphalt and cream
he shields
his armadillo feelings
by watching nothing
with his eyes.

hamburger cement
fills the crack
of dawn

a spore defends
the nightowl patrol

three mesmerized sparrows
follow

adjoining billy clubs
are splintered
by a gargantuan bolt
of calico

no one knows
what happened
to the survivors



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