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Ode to Skinner

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Eulogy to a Rat

The grey rat prowls
The lonely beach,
Eating the carrion on the shore.
And the dead sea
Licks the endless shore,
Leaving its spoor to the hungry.

The dead rat lies
On the lonely beach,
Stripped clean to the bone.
And the gulls fly off
Over the dead sea
To bait the Fisherman's hook.

Peter Fernandes

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Ode to Skinner

Behaviorism is our saviorism.
Fill up Skinner's box and heads
With rocks--instead of thinking.
Give me an S and I'll give you an R.
Who gives a damn what the reasons are?

Irene Nantz

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