

WHEN THINGS END SOMETIMES  
THEY GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

I wonder if Johnny &  
Lois will get back together  
now that his  
second marriage is  
all fucked-up.

I wonder if John will want  
his girl back again  
the one he fell in love  
with when he was  
17.

I remember her  
photo glued to the dash  
of his GTO. I remember  
him on her heels  
like a guard dog through  
the high school halls  
ensuring no other guy  
would touch her or  
even look at her.

I remember talking  
him down after  
her inspection  
at the gynecologist's  
he's a doctor, John,  
for Christ's sake, a doctor,  
he's just doing his job.

OPINIONLESS

Bill. a plastics engineer in his 30s.  
(skin pasty-textured. suits threadbare.)  
is opinionless:

likes every kind of music  
eats anything

likes no particular color or  
season or type of car or TV show  
fencing or football's all  
the same to him

can go to church or not  
see a movie or skip it

his favorite expression is:

"whatever you want"

so when he told me  
his wife was pregnant.

I wondered how the hell he managed that.