

## JUST YOUR AVERAGE GUY

i don't understand it  
the women in florida  
are either super model beautiful  
or else they look like seals  
bashed in the head  
no middle ground at all

this of course does not sit well  
with someone like me  
who's neither handsome  
nor ugly  
charming nor babbling idiot

just your average guy  
looking for your average woman  
who is probably in kansas  
or oklahoma  
or disappeared off the planet

in which case

it's probably a good thing  
i'm married

## THE DISEASE

"i smack," she said,  
"the oriole  
riding the rodeo  
of  
disinfected dreams."

"huh," i said

"but lately the  
pontification  
of the shedding serpent  
slips  
into perfection."

"what the hell  
are you talking about?"  
i said.

"it's poetry," she said.

"well," i said  
"cover your mouth, goddammit.  
i can't miss  
any more days  
at work."