

## BECKY ESTROGEN

she seemed  
to make a  
big deal out  
of talking  
to jerry  
as if i  
would give a  
shit she  
can talk  
to jerry till  
her face turns  
blue for  
all i  
care ill even  
dial the number  
for her

## OF THE DOOR

the cat  
wouldnt go out  
when i stood  
on one side  
but when i  
stood on the  
other side he  
went out

he doesnt  
like me calling  
him by his  
last name but  
i dont feel  
like calling him  
by his first  
name so ill  
just get into  
the conversation  
when i see  
him without  
preliminaries

## THE GANG

i asked  
them if theyd like  
to meditate with  
me they said  
nothing then i  
heard somebody  
chamber a round

dropped my  
multicolor pen and  
couldnt find it

thought it was  
happy here

but it  
escaped

## MISS INDECISIVE

the balls  
in your court  
carolyn you just  
going to look  
at it  
going to send  
it to the  
lab have it  
dusted for prints,  
x-rayed

ive been  
sending you morning  
poems on my  
new typer

but i  
think you like  
evening poems on  
my old  
typer



after i  
had the snake  
tattooed around my  
left eye  
i received  
fewer and fewer  
invitations to literary  
cocktail parties  
then i  
had the iguana  
put on my  
left middle  
finger and  
the invitations started  
coming in again

i remember  
the most beautiful  
legs in the  
world of  
course a  
poet is helpless  
when confronted by  
the most  
beautiful legs  
in the world  
but a jock  
wouldve just  
asked her  
out

#### THE WAITRESS

she had  
never waited on  
cannibals before; the  
plates of  
hands and  
feet were somewhat  
disconcerting

people equate  
silence with something  
like zero but  
it isnt  
like that  
its alive  
it has needs

have big  
donothing plans going  
to do less  
than ever  
before see  
if anyone notices

i had  
snipers on the  
rooftops

and the  
mailman came

do you  
have anything for  
me

he started  
to shake his  
head when

someone chambered  
a round

i put  
the body in  
reverse and it  
ran smoothly  
so i  
walked backwards  
through the day

— Les Cammer

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