

As you enter your lover feeling the passage through
 straits to the open sea
You turn to her and show her a photograph of a dolphin
 gasping for air

As your lover lies with you calm in the wide spaces of
 your mind
She turns to you and shows you a photograph of no dolphins
As you lie with your lover calm in the wide spaces of
 her mind
You turn to her and show her a photograph of no dolphins
 gasping for air

THE TEMPTATIONS

there's something
about you holding
your ankles to lift
your knees high
while watching
the entry
we fuck
so soon after
seeing together
the temptations

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

to be totally
frank with you
the tv was on
the whole time

-- David James

Venice CA

THE TENTS OF THE KING OF ARIZONA

In the Picachos just east of the Colorado
the King of Arizona measured the desert
air and ordered the slaves to tunnel
for gold.

The King of Arizona had a wooden palace
built on a wall of flat rocks in the side
of a hill. The slaves had a labyrinth under
the wooden palace deep under the flat
rocks.

The slaves got dirt. The King got gold.
It was a fair exchange under the sun.
For you see, the slaves weren't really
slaves. Once above ground they had the
freedom of the tents of the King of Arizona.

Some tents were for eating.
Some tents were for sleeping.
Some tents were for drinking.
Some tents were for screwing.
Some tents were for relieving
the bowels.

The King of Arizona had thought of everything.

When the King died the slaves left the labyrinth. They left untouched the palace built on flat rocks.

They left the tents of the King of Arizona flapping in the furnace air and sailed beyond the sea of empty A-B beers in search of a new master.

JENSEN WITH TELEPHONE

Speaking from the fast lane
the young prince pressed his mount
which leapt ahead with heavy breath.
Satisfied he placed the receiver on the hook
and smiled.

Life doesn't allot every man
a Jensen with telephone.

The numbers will always be unlisted,
few, hair styled, slightly handsome,
They will telephone desires.
They will have a Jensen.
They will smile when speaking.
They will eat seedless grapes.
They will study supple-bodied women
like scholars.

Life doesn't allot every man
a Jensen with telephone.

Speaking from experience money
will out.

Your phone service will be better.
Your Jensen will get the best
a friend deserves.
Your smiles will have a silver lining.
Your grapes will not be sour.
Your women will be supple objects
of close study.