

During Abbott and Costello's  
antics, she laughed and  
loved it, while I sulked  
down in my seat, guilty we  
hadn't gone to see Astaire.

#### THE BIGGEST KID

Barry was the biggest  
kid on our block. He  
never spoke to me. But  
one Tuesday after school,  
he came up to me with  
Jerry and Will. "I hear  
you got a Mickey Mantle."  
"Well, I don't know." "Oh,  
c'mon. Let's see the Mickey  
Mantle." "Well." "I'll  
give you a Marv Throneberry  
for it." "Well." I looked  
at Jerry. His eyes were  
hard and shiny as marbles.  
"OK." I handed Barry  
the Mantle. He handed me  
the Throneberry. He never  
spoke to me again.

-- Robert Swanson

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#### TO THE POINT

i don't like poetry  
anymore than anyone else does  
it was a bore in school  
& for the most part  
it still is  
the sentimentality is gross  
& after 13 years  
i still don't know a damn thing  
about the technical aspect of it  
the only reason i chose this medium  
is for its merciful brevity