Before the stars went On strike and Satchmo

Romped to Chinatown And all lights went out.

-- Norman Macleod

Greenville NC

OKRA AND COATHANGERS

Neglect the okra just two days -dozens grown too big to eat, long, ribbed, tough, full of seed.

Wear long sleeves when harvesting -the leaves and stalks will eat your arms alive, haired with needles.

But no need to get angry -any more than at coathangers, it's in their nature to tangle.

Tu Fu and Liam

PLUMBING

It is a half-inch union with three-quarters of the flange on the female end snapped off by ice.

Has taken me away

broad sun at dead noon twenty bright stadium lights area tent contest of power