

Night Sky

Enormous night sky
You will swallow me.
If I gather you in too long
I will float up into your clouds
And perhaps transform
Into a pinhole star.
Losing my balance
At your size,
I look down on the
parking lot,
And have made a safe landing
to Earth.
Thank you for the journey.

--sdjones

Seasons

Emerald-mowed grass with glittering dew
Covers its mind-healing jewel
With crazy-quilt patches of leaves.
Too soon snow tracks appear....
The beginning,
the end of another year.

--sdjones

Hugs....

Hugs...are for moms,

It keeps their tummies in.

Hugs...are for daddys,

Whether you lose or win.

Sister got a hug today,

And I didn't--I got away.

Don't really like huggin',

It's sorta like smotherin'.

But hugs get around,

You can see them downtown.

There's a kind for children.

And a grown-up type when adults start cryin'.

Some hugs are for celebrating,

Some celebrities get hugs without trying.

I guess I'll hug my big toe when it has an owie,

But I'll never, ever hug a stinging bee.

---sdjones

Lost Labors

Katie has lost her computer disks,
Lost her books with careful notes,
Lost her calender,
Her address book,
Lost her college paper due
before Thanksgiving.
Lost so much of so much work,
An effort to truly mourn.
All due to a puke of a louse
That stole her purse on the bus.

But Katie did not lose her
Her warmth, her touch of good will.
From this witch's hearth,
Is not conjured a brew of evil.
How can this happen to one
Who instead should lose her soul,
And exchange it for another,
I just don't know.

Keep that which keeps you good,
For who's to say there is any better?
I know no sermon's can redeem your loss,
And asking you yourself to be redeemed
Seems like an empty stream,
When what you need right now
Is even harder to pull from the heavens.

So, lose once again your heart to
The blasted term paper.
Write again the works of *Silence*
And desparate yourself to intelligence.
Be Brave, Be Courage, Accept this denial
As not a curse for everything to be final.

And as you move on, work and words,
I can't help but hope I have learned something too.

--sdjones