

Bumper Stickers

Spare tires bulge out

Truck creaks oh so

And to seal my seduction

Even further—

He impresses himself

Into my face—

Impossible to dodge

Impossible to peel off

“I want YOU” Sam points, “To speak English.”

Xopowo, kho-rrro-sho!

I nod, okay!

I'll parlay

I'll shove my *-scht* away,

I'll murmur, I'll cajole, I'll lilt

I'll gristle, I'll sear, I'll spit

But now I see, another—

White stick figure family plastered:

A machine gun wielding father

Mowing

Down one little girl now red

And a dog and a cat on the lawn.

And now I wonder,

Are you going right on red

And now I wonder,

About my school ahead

And now I wonder,

How it is

I'm stuck to your bumper

As you drive away

Red, white and free.