

## **“A” Is For Astronomy**

Enraptured by the infinite night sky  
that beckons, like a seductive teacher,  
inciting me to ask the questions why,  
I find no need for pulpit or preacher.

Divinity quietly winks at me  
with billions of twinkling eyes until  
I'm drawn into majestic mystery,  
enticed to learn to understand this thrill.

I am myself the dust of what I view,  
organized to observe and comprehend  
this study I've begun, that's never through –  
cosmic curriculum without an end.

I'm pupil to the stars and teachers' pet,  
and yet, I've barely learned the alphabet.

## **Wrong Choice**

Because she was afraid to live alone,  
she chose instead to keep a vicious beast  
for male companionship. Then she would moan  
how all her troubles, after, were increased,  
once she had brought this brute into her home,  
because she found that she could not control  
this rabid animal whose mouth would foam  
with slobbered venom from his septic soul.  
From that one point, she had known only strife.  
While she indulged in major delusions,  
he shredded ev'ry aspect of her life,  
and she'd deny the blood and contusions.

“No it's alright, he loves me; I'll be fine.”  
Meanwhile, on her the snarling cur would dine.

## **Pursuit Of Knowledge**

The world we know has a fuzzy border  
at the limit of our best perception --  
there's more probability than order  
and certainty is a misconception.  
Simultaneity just seems absurd  
since Einstein's explained relativity –  
observers can't know when they've seen or heard  
an event, without subjectivity.

The very atoms of which we are made  
partly reside in hidden dimensions –  
there may be a Multiverse unassayed  
where we'll lose nearly all our conventions,  
but we must keep researching even though  
we only find out how little we know.

## **Psych Ward**

His chosen name was Cosmo Flutterby.  
He was a licensed psychiatric nurse –  
jolly good fellow, some few might deny –  
a little bit San Francisco perverse.

One day a patient said to him that she  
felt that a dreadful mistake had been made.  
This wasn't where she was supposed to be.  
This was the wrong planet, she was afraid.

“Honey,” he laughed, “I know just how you feel,  
but this is the world you'll have to endure.  
Though I know, to you, your displacement's real,  
it's not like we can issue a transfer.

If such a thing were possible to do,  
I'd have signed up for that long before you.”

## **Sound Advice**

To gain advantage there are many tips  
received by competitors on the scene,  
like Vaseline® between the teeth and lips  
suggested for a pageant beauty queen.

Weightlifters should remember to stretch first.  
A student should be rested for a test.  
If running, don't forget to slake your thirst.  
A hearty breakfast is always the best.

Check your oil and your tire pressure  
if racing cars, or you'll end up walking.  
Always cook with the foods that are fresher.  
When your foot lands in your mouth, stop talking.

Although this last won't win a loving cup,  
This is life's greatest lesson: "Just shut-up."