

## **Blank Pad**

Just lines  
Landing on lines  
With *whatever*

What comes next  
(Guess *this* comes next)  
Is what *came* next

But about North Korea  
And the Glacier Breaks  
And the T-Man and P-Man

Just lines  
Incandescent lamps  
In deep sea wreckage

Darkness on darkness  
A clamorous silence  
Freakazoid creatures

No literary trove here  
No metaphors, no metonyms  
No jingling career trinkets

What comes next?  
A fuller pad  
Fuller than before

But about Real Talks  
And Real Solutions  
And Stick-Throwing Apes

The pad is five by ten  
With - let's count: fifty pages  
Forty-nine blank, *alright*.

## **Gas powered blower**

All that went into it  
Its separate components  
The human work involved

How the thing works

Each and every time  
As designed to

All of those folks assembled  
Standing in a ring  
Two hundred? Several thousand?

I wanna see them all  
Right now, as they are  
As I prime the starter ten times

The roar and howl is a chorus  
With me at the center  
Purpose being multifold and fluid

## **Lawn Mower**

Strange trail of cut grass  
Lawn chair propped up next to fence  
Mower tarp flapping, empty

Now the spikes go up  
Now the cameras are firing up  
No, not getting a gun

This is trying  
This is too routine  
This requires *effective* procedures

Hope the mower's broke

Wish the re-sale owner the best?  
No, not getting a gun

Now the lawn's poppin' up  
Big party around the corner  
This requires *effective* procedures

Strange trail of cut grass  
Strange bag of feelings  
And still - no, but thanks

## **Security Cams**

Left/right corridors monitored  
Front flanks covered  
Back area secured

There, all three perimeters  
Viewed continuously  
By feats of engineering

Things that can't be easily tracked:  
Sudden puffs of malevolent smoke  
Meandering miasmas of filth

What kind of equipment  
Can be deployed for vying ideologies  
Gliding in through walls and floors?

*Course* I don't believe in specters  
Consumer solutions to  
Primate Clusterfucks

## **Crammed Pad**

Trade war with China looming  
My front door ringer's on the fritz

Call your senator first thing in the morning  
An idea to get something fixed

I just found - just now - *awesome*  
A solution to this crooked table

North Korea can't help this drooping hibiscus  
Syria knocking at my door - just poetry (for now)

Iraq sitting up all night in some other's bedroom  
GFC circuit, reset properly, often works

Damn griddle not supposed to rust like this  
Mexico Mexico Mexico - Russia!

You oughtta - or *I* oughtta - or *someone* oughtta  
Wait, somebody's answering - for real, "hey"

