

Gerry Gilbert/TWO POEMS

BURSTS OF FRIENDLINESS

when a chunk of the story repeats itself
& homer & chandler do it all the time
there's a faintly mental smell
& you can tell
you're in the presence of poetry

i went to the convention of
the american institute for the conservation of
historic & artistic works
saying
i heard there was someone here
who could make my poems last forever

rock & roll is all one song
kids want to be beautiful
any poem is one more

DEFECTIVE STORY

if i think about it
i got nothing to do
i'm covered
i can sleep if i want to

not watching tv every day
improves your dreams every night

the flies can always get in
but they can't get out if you don't open the window

as for the wasps
catch them with a glass & a postcard from managua

work out similarity
play upon difference
rest in forgetfulness

a lost hat's a hat to remember