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## **BREAKFAST WITH PRUFROCK**

A small black ball replaced the  
peach I no longer dared not eat.  
I didn't know it would be that  
impatient with me.

I had rolled up my jeans carefully that day  
and carefully teased out of its box a mound  
of shredded wheat. Then at last went for the peach.

A metaphor for my life, I thought! But that's as far as I got.

## **A BLACK REFRIGERATOR**

I should never have bought a black refrigerator.  
The men who delivered it left a screendoor open  
and my little black cat Kit Smart took the opportunity  
to take off. He needed to go to the vet.  
I think he just looked for a cool spot in the woods to die in.  
Meanwhile Tuli Kupferberg and Harvey Pekar died.  
And a big bomb exploded in Uganda killing lots of people.  
The point is, never buy a black refrigerator.

## WATERCOLOR

I named the sailboat “Enola Gay”  
contemplating graceful progress  
across gentle waters,  
like that ship across those  
skies that perfect day...