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The Canon

Big
Wig
Tells Truth
To Youth.

Anti-Canon

Wigs even bigger
drop long abiders,
make new insiders.
Who can figure?
Milton is out.
Go pout.

Anti-Anti-Canon

Before I knew of Milton
I could read
cereal boxes
mottos on dishtowels
TV Guide and Life.

Now we've expanded the Canon I've
got my birthright back—I read
dishtowels, cereal boxes,
the bumper sticker Robert Scholes likes
so much: "Like my driving? Call 1-800-EAT-SHIT,"
this postcard: "Welcome to Iowa, Gateway to Nebraska,"
Fred MacMurray's apron that says Best Dad,
and on I-80 that beautiful exit, What Cheer.