The Senses

Sight, touch, hearing, taste and smell

Are our windows. All together,

Like thermometers and barometers,

They give us warnings of the weather.

Sight is cool and kaleidoscopic--

Sinful, sage, and dead.

Hearing is forceful and traumatic,

Portals rinsed in red.

Taste is intimate and endearing,

Pink and green with light.

Touch is tender and ecstatic,

Bathed in brilliant white.

Sight is our significant sense,

Its panes are stained bright blue.

Touch is just sight's lesser twin,

But I sure love touching, too.

 Nature

donald and david and dillon and dan

went out in the woods to wander the land

and donald dove down an old ravine

over rough red rocks to a burbling stream;

and dan loved the light that broke through the branches,

its sudden sweetness that always enchants us;

and david washed over a white waterfall

with a wet stone face in his overalls;

and dillon dozed off in a dark deep dell

as hot as heaven and as high as hell.

For whatever they find (like a he or a she),

It's always themselves they lose in a tree.

 Death

When God sets my soul to sea,

In each bright bay I'll sail a-lea.

The wind that whips across the land

Will from then on be made to stand.

The birch that bend into the bay

From trunk to top will make a stay.

The seagulls circling slowly south

Will flow like music from my mouth.

To music that my mouth does twirl

Will primly pirouette a girl.

The girl that dances by my ship

Will softly kiss my tender lips.

And forever after in a blue-green glade

I'll swing my hammock in the cool, dark shade.

 The Guessing Game

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what will be born in the early morn,

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what will be said when it's high overhead

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what will be felt when shadows melt

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what transpires 'neath the blazing stars

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But whose black shroud is a passing cloud

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what can be saved from the crashing waves

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who'll retreat from the summer heat

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what will bend in a hurricane wind

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who can prevail through the snow and hail

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what's rent asunder by lightning and thunder

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what can be gained from the pouring rain

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what we recall of the rest of it all

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will be saved when we rise from the grave

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will be doomed by a cold blue moon

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will be scared and who, prepared

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will be clover when the battle is over

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will die and who will cry

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will regret it and who'll just forget it

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will reveal it and who will conceal it

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who'll be elated and who'll be deflated

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what revolution can clear up our confusion

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But what will be lost, at what great cost

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who will be fast and who will be passed

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

And the sun will rise in the eastern skies,

And the sun will set in the west;

But who'll be a god and who, just a sod

Is a game that's anyone's guess.

 Paradigms

One, two, three, four;

Basement, window, wall, door.

Morning, evening, noon, night;

Touch, taste, hearing, sight.

Must, ought, might, can;

Coral, bees, lions, man.

Black, white, red, brown;

Family, city, village, town.

Awaken, doze, daydream, sleep;

Broad, wide, long, deep.

North, west, east, south;

Adult, elder, child, youth.

Hand, head, gut, heart;

Begin, continue, stop, start.

Earth, sun, moon, star;

Cart, boat, plane, car.

Tissue, organ, system, cell;

Tower, steeple, room, wall.

Pig, monkey, horse, dog;

Eagle, cat, deer, hog.

Mountain, valley, wood, plain;

Snow, dew, clouds, rain.

Branch, flower, leaf, seed;

Gluttony, envy, lust, greed.

Meaning, syntax, tone, sound;

Spiraling, circular, squat, round.

Verb, adverb, adjective, noun;

Courts, church, parliament, crown.

Emperor, president, comrade, king;

Talk, gesture, say, sing.

Fruit, flower, branch, seed;

Hope, dream, want, need.

Earth, water, air, fire;

Square, triangle, circle, gyre.

Plastic, steel, stone, wood;

Truth, wisdom, justice, good.

Gold, silver, bronze, lead;

Born, living, dying, dead.