

## Blue Footed Booby

The bent and jester forms

of costumes lean

back in Galapagos rock

satirize treetops with stretch

impressions mean flattery

where cameras grab at

talent blue in the

reprise foot job and

she needs it

to pulse or look

messianic long enough

for a thumbnail

## **Bowerbird**

Choice blue  
mise-en-scène  
a luxe flourish  
in right swipe  
psychiatry

Loins shudder  
gender hypnosis  
wheeze another discourse  
into being  
                    watched

Semantics of blueberry  
invite life partners  
to headbutt  
a fraudulent answer  
for a/s/l?

## Magnificent Riflebird

Back on the slang  
is no blue throat  
to poach the moon with

each phoneme  
a moistener of more  
discrete renditions

Rhythm  
cheats the treasure  
requests her  
dollhouse genes  
for mother's benefit

How can a grounded  
lady hesitate

to watch heritage  
bob in frosty profile

unless the next whine  
bulges into backstage  
fame or shiny feathers  
ask for lechery

## **Prairie Chicken**

*for Garry Thomas Morse*

Gnostic drumrolls  
malt the booming ground

retouch doughnuts  
bitten in the Cosmos

Through clamshell  
depictions of gravity

to a shindig with  
sutured neck patch

brindle is in  
and she knows it

he knows it  
the prairie puffs

a phonic boycott  
of false morphology

word is to bird  
as playbill

to katy-didn't

## Red Capped Manikin

Snap gestures agitate  
on yellow leg flash

He'd lift a skirt if  
clicks didn't slide

into oh:  
a moonwalk

Loops leave bipedal  
chickas liquid in the plush

of Dirty Diana's  
avian understudy

A studly red hat  
says alpha but

he's got one too  
compounding the quake

of closer mucosa with  
Off Off Broadway  
perlocution

## Six Plumed Bird of Paradise

Sleek re-entrance  
to regorge prologue  
only this cherry  
                    stem dream catcher

can't hold toothed beaks  
specular puppets  
for upskirt orthography

*If I could rearrange the alphabet  
I'd put cheep and chirp together*

in rehearsal

or Butler sweeps  
the snakeskin  
dance floor     again