

## SHOP WINDOW TRUMPS

*...because I've noticed that most artists only repeat themselves.*  
—Marcel Duchamp

Marcel gives the west  
empty stage save a chair  
to the east empty stage  
and a fast spinning wheel.  
In between naked Rose  
imitation and source  
keeps descending the story  
by repeating her lines.

Rose smiles secret smile  
as Marcel tips his hat.  
Both are servants of lawn ball  
willing victims of chess  
But always grim knights  
flock to possess  
maiming her secrets  
deboning his hats.

Marcel-and-Rose whimsey  
not absurdish per se.  
Consider old Alice  
how she pondered and fell  
fell down that strange well  
with the books on the shelves  
silly con-curved bookshelves.

Glass, wire, and crinkle  
in window displays.  
Forks, pins, and skewers  
in a city of squares.  
One-off found objects  
in a readymade box.  
3-d sliced meaning  
from 4-d NONsense.  
A long queue of bachelors  
a barely there bride  
all rank and file pieces  
all play of the mind.