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**Somewhere Else
More Beautiful**
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Shame
grabs you by the throat,
drags you down
and holds you there
while everyone else
is doing what you can't.

A Sign of Peace?

“Peace be with you”
but stay right there!
Keep your hands where I can see them,
it’s your icky germs I fear.

Politely I still smile,
raise two fingers in the air.
Let’s just get this “peace thing” over.
Honestly, I don’t really care.

I’ll stay behind my windshield,
once removed from life.
To shelter me from rain and germs,
to keep me from your strife.

So find some other sucker
To shake your nasty hand,
And leave me perfectly happy
To stay in “just me land.”

Usually, not that intense.
It’s more often like
if you wore one ankle sock
and one knee sock.
The feeling might interfere with
giving any task full attention.
Or it’s like
trying to sleep in a bed
where the sheets
get untucked and crooked.
Yaaaagh!

jibbiylops
is a long ago word
with no beginning.
Made up, maybe.
jibbiylops is a feeling in your brain
that causes you,
to hibernate
until your thinking runs smooth again.
jibbiylops is like when you
suck up a nail while vacuuming
and it makes that horrible,
screeching, grinding, can’t-be-good sound
except its in your brain.

Socks

Does anyone have hidden
Where their special company can't see
A basket of unmatched socks?

How is it possible,
To have 214 socks:
different colors,
different lengths,
different patterns
with their partners nowhere to be found.

Where did they all go?
Is there a vortex in my house somewhere
with a spinning whirlwind
that is holding my poor socks hostage?

Norma never has an unmatched
sock.
She said “never”
Not even one time.
Un-be-live-able.
Norma’s mind must never wander.
Her mind is on her socks
when she takes them off at night,
and throws them in the hamper.
My mind is usually
never where I am,
but somewhere else funnier,
sadder or more beautiful.