Comparisons, and: Instructions, and: From the Book of Rope, and: One of Those Days, and: Aunts, and: In the Neighborhood.

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there, reorganizing itself now through a downturn of driftwood, so the two of us stop humming our various
tunes and backpaddle furiously in order not to go bankrupt, get flat, or wet. The Missouri Review · 55

JNSTRUCnONS/Robert King Some one knows how to do everything. I mean some one person knows how to
do some one thing, and draw a diagram, such as making a bomb, etc., but in this case to cut flower stems
with a knife underwater, what this picture means. I could be in Russia with these daffodils and know to cut
them underwater with a knife. So some one knew that, and some one knows how to cultivate varieties of
daffodils. First, some one knows there are different names. No, each person knows one name apiece, so it
takes a lot of them to run the daffodil company, and one to know it comes from the Latin asphodelus, the
asphodel, flowers akin to Narcissus said to cover the Elysian Fields although no one remembers that
species. I run the water, cut with a knife, some one else knowing why water runs, knives cut, only you knowing
what you'll think of them when you arrive down the one street someone built and home into the marriage we
have made, both of us, in this case, knowing it, following the instructions we momentarily concoct, giving it
whole varieties of beautiful names. 56 · The Missouri Review FROM THE BOOK OF ROPE/Robert King First,
there is love. Second, the square knot, a perfect binding of two equal loops, useful for fastening gifts to
each other or, in the extreme, for closing bandages over wounds, expected or not. The sheet bend hooks
equal partners, originally a rope to the twisted end of a sail, something fastened against wind. The
bowlive's loop won't close, good for saving yourself in mountain climbing, or, in general, being lifted up,
lowered. Hitches bind us to things, thwarting our drift, boat to tree, a horse to any rail—two half hitches,
hundreds of half hitches. In the book of rope, three tests for every knot—is it easy to tie? Will it stay tied
firmly in use, and will it be, finally, easy to untie? Which knot have we chosen? And what else sadly should we
know? The Missouri Review · 57 ONE OF THOSE DAYS/Robert King Each day I am in love with some thing, in full
wonder at what's given. Yesterday, it was partly some sparkling Mozart but mostly, five minutes earlier, the
announcer's remark: "Mozart's coming up in five minutes." Today it's the beginning of a sentence in a book
about Tu Fu—"In the spring of 761..."—regarding several short songs, an ancient fresh breath. I realize the
museum next door is chock-full of bones and the perpetual birthdays of rock, that millennia shift only a few
pebbles, and that mostly everything is utterly forgotten, but I'm enthralled with the spring of 761, hold it in my
arms all night. Although Mozart dies young and Tu Fu's hopes turn out false always, I can't resist singing to
myself the knowledge of unknowable springs, musical as arpeggios of cherry, those immortal blossoms,
and, above, those particular clouds passing away. 58 · The Missouri Review AUNTS/Robert King I remember
one aunt with long red hair who laughed, at least that one afternoon. The other, subject to some frailty I
wasn't told, kept pillows on the phones to soften any potential intrusion. So who's to say I don't remember
the aunt who shot clay pigeons from horse back in Cody's show, grit flying up, the smock-smock of the rifle?
Or that...
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