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*High School Poetry Competition
Lawrence Specker, Second Place (tie)
Bradshaw High School*

neanderthals
in the halls,
Cro-Magnons do the teaching.
I Don't Knows
sit in rows,
flinching at the speaking.

the courtyard here
is bright and cheer,
and I sit on the bench—
my feet are bare,
I sniff the air
raped by an awful stench

They pass me by,
wondering why,
why the hell I'm fooling
seems to me
we shouldn't be
so eager for dull schooling

my smelly toes,
fat pimentos,
wiggle in the sunlight
they may run
from spring and sun
I know that it's alright