

# Stuff & Nonsense

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Kitchen cornucopia  
refuge of forgotten oddments  
fistulas of rubber bands  
pens bereft of inky speech  
spools of tape and stranded toybits  
whetstones, scissors, woodscrews, thumbtacks  
A place for all, all in its place  
but if it's not it's likely here  
look here last and then give up  
Underneath the microwave  
there rests a drawer uneasily  
misaligned and off its runners  
overstuffed, resisting closure  
crammed to bursting with its trove  
of treasures long ago abandoned  
huddled in their crowded cloister  
pearls that overflow their oyster  
Take a moment to explore them  
Artifacts gone obsolete  
miscegenating in suspension  
to call them junk's a derogation  
but nothing else seems better suited  
Shut the drawer and re-inter them  
let them bide for you unreckoned  
cherish them like hoarded snowballs  
sheltered through a summer swelter

