

Cut-offs

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Culinary Arts

Need, fear, and appetite-
Madison Avenue
and the faux Fox News
have learned reduction.
The sauce is you.
Knowledge can diminish, too.

Malady

No Sine or Cosine curve-
it's all electro-cardiogram,
the flat, depressive line
spiked by manic heart-blips
beating on, iambic,
into long, recorded night.

In Memoriam

A life lived
in long bitterness
ends.

A sweet silence

then a sudden thirst
for something sharp,
acerbic,
leads to gin

and quinine,

a lot of gin
and quinine.

