

# Puppet ABC - 1

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I am not  
a Road Scholar,  
ladies & gentlemen,

though I've been  
On the Road  
more than once.

Do not mistake me  
for a bum.  
I am not a hobo,  
homeless or otherwise,

in this life  
or any other,  
I am not a bum,  
I insist.

But I do know why the world's fireflies  
are being counted.  
Because it is so difficult to believe  
that no one would have them,  
and that the light from them  
has been diminished.

At some point  
you have to stop nibbling  
from the moldy cake,  
ladies & gentlemen,

to discover the truth about this.  
Believe me.

