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That light bulb is sticking out at an odd angle: and suddenly it's evening. That sneeze hurt: and suddenly it's evening. That squirrel is going to charge: and suddenly it's evening. Surely Trixie hasn't *died*: and suddenly it's evening. I can never remember all the cloud names when I need to: and suddenly it's evening. I wonder how long the German word for it would be: and suddenly it's evening. The flying turtle is not part of the Godzilla group: and suddenly it's evening. Straight people can like Judy Garland, too: and suddenly it's evening. I'll always think of him as Walter Pigeon: and suddenly it's evening. Just by thinking up excuses not to exercise, I've raised my pulse and I'm burning calories: and suddenly it's evening. They didn't bring an aloe plant: and suddenly it's evening. Just enough time left over to get bored: and suddenly it's evening. I still like having a night light: and suddenly it's evening. It's sort of interesting to try to find an area code on that map in the phone book, as long as you don't really need it right then: and suddenly it's evening. I don't like sake any better when it's warmed up: and suddenly it's evening. The only reason to visit that town is because Hank Williams was pronounced dead there: and suddenly it's evening. I don't know where that other dead fly went: and suddenly it's evening. I'm not going out in that sprinkle with my glasses on: and suddenly it's evening. He wanted to know which Jack Kerouac I was talking about: and suddenly it's evening. That spit on the floor is moving: and suddenly it's evening.

The toenail on my right little toe looks completely artificial: and suddenly it's evening. The green barn sits in the sunlight in the postcard and the postcard sits in the sun on the side of the refrigerator: and suddenly it's evening. I practice doing the Alligator: and suddenly it's evening. I can't find the blue chair: and suddenly it's evening. The woman across the way has her TV on: and suddenly it's evening.

The light in the kitchen looks inviting: and suddenly it's evening. That motion detector's small light has a greenish tinge: and suddenly it's evening. I'm getting on the next train no matter how crowded it is: and suddenly it's evening. Those guys in suits in the hotel lobby are now walking with women: and suddenly it's evening. Those bare branches no longer look like they're floating on the gray water of the sky but sinking in: and suddenly it's evening. I should have checked the P. O. Box: and suddenly it's evening. I saw that flash of lightning: and suddenly it's evening. It's been a while since the glare made me look away from my stainless steel water bottle: and suddenly it's evening. Is it still trendy to say "on trend," or I am untrendy?: and suddenly it's evening. I can't see the pen I dropped on the car floor: and suddenly it's evening. In Seurat's drawing of his mother, the part in her hair shines: and suddenly it's evening. I'm dripping coffee on the floor: and suddenly it's evening. I've never tripped over that rock before: and suddenly it's evening. I have no idea what time it is: and suddenly it's evening. I wave to Lilly: and suddenly it's evening.

I wish just once I could be where someone in a tuxedo says, "In my new play..." so I could smack him in the face: and suddenly it's evening. A rhinoceros is always worth looking at: and suddenly it's evening. Twenty-five percent fewer calories means I can eat 25% more: and suddenly it's evening. You just don't see cuckoo clocks these days: and suddenly it's evening. I can never remember that that square is Pegasus: and suddenly it's evening. The panel says 0 calories per 8 ounce serving, but it's a 12 ounce can: and suddenly it's evening. Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia: it's not often I can remember Brazil's three main cities at the same time: and suddenly it's evening. It fills me with melancholy for a life I've never led, which is the highest praise I can give: and suddenly it's evening.

Oh, so if Rauschenberg were to look at that oily rag it would be a work of art?: and suddenly it's evening. That's not her nipple, that's her armpit: and suddenly it's evening. At least I wasn't scared by *The Planet of the Apes* when I was a kid: and suddenly it's evening. You have to know your audience before you start to talk about a Renaissance Fair: and suddenly it's evening. You can tell the weather forecast calls for snow by how crowded the grocery store parking lot is: and suddenly it's evening. It's not really a decade until you come up with a name for it: and suddenly it's evening. The black-out curtains black out the night, too: and suddenly it's evening. I never realized that was the State Pork Association's building: and suddenly it's evening. If I found a restaurant named Indian Spinach and Eggplant, I'd be beside myself: and suddenly it's evening. How can I lose count just counting to seven?: and suddenly it's evening. There are five empty peanut butter jars in the refrigerator: and suddenly it's evening. I can hear every word those children down the way are saying: and suddenly it's evening.

That's a beautiful cow: and suddenly it's evening. I wonder if this check is torn too much to be good: and suddenly it's evening. This is the second time in a week I've left a bag there: and suddenly it's evening. There's another infected hair follicle: and suddenly it's evening. That sound is not spastic enough to be a mouse or regular enough to be a leak: and suddenly it's evening. That's a huge gnat swarm: and suddenly it's evening. I haven't taken this sweatshirt off all day: and suddenly it's evening. Those clouds are blue, not slate: and suddenly it's evening. It's the kind of school whose school tie would be a clip-on: and suddenly it's evening. Every instant is the same on the clock: and suddenly it's evening. I can see the mountains now: and suddenly it's evening. Damn duct tape: and suddenly it's evening. The strawberry-filled are the best: and suddenly

it's evening. Something stinks and I hope it's not that rabbit: and suddenly it's evening. Every pimple eventually becomes irresistible: and suddenly it's evening. The holes where the cord goes through the Venetian blinds makes them useless for keeping direct sunlight off things: and suddenly it's evening. Eight hundred calories a day from Pop Tarts can't be good: and suddenly it's evening. I wasn't as angry as I probably sounded: and suddenly it's evening. I wish my burned thumb would heal: and suddenly it's evening. The loose skin around the elbow doesn't lie: and suddenly it's evening.

Sunlight hits my Dracula magnet and it doesn't evaporate: and suddenly it's evening. Sometimes a twig just snaps: and suddenly it's evening. Well, Ron Silliman's teeth look okay in that photograph: and suddenly it's evening. It looks too thick to be rain: and suddenly it's evening. I hope the storm windows keep the flying ant things out of the house: and suddenly it's evening. The car coming the other way just turned its lights on: and suddenly it's evening. Was that noise the refrigerator failing to come on?: and suddenly it's evening. I see my ears reflected in the window: and suddenly it's evening. I'll wear the socks with the red bands around the top: and suddenly it's evening. That's enough of *In a Silent Way*: and suddenly it's evening. That's not a good place to pull over to talk on the phone: and suddenly it's evening. Better turn on the stove's fan: and suddenly it's evening. Another plant growing in the gutter: and suddenly it's evening. I close my eyes because it's so bright: and suddenly it's evening. If you leave the curtains open, you can't complain when passersby glance in: and suddenly it's evening. She's a bit snarky about Debussy: and suddenly it's evening. I don't mean RAF as in Royal Air Force: and suddenly it's evening. I've never noticed that pencil mark on the ceiling before: and suddenly it's evening. That woman with the scab on her

knee is sexy, or at least the scab is: and suddenly it's evening. If I ever back into a parking place at the mall, shoot me: and suddenly it's evening.

He said a big blacksnake used to live under there: and suddenly it's evening. Better shake the bottle to mix the pulp back up: and suddenly it's evening. There couldn't really be pepper flats, because anything near one would sneeze and the piles and gaps would form: and suddenly it's evening. When I could finally look, I saw the mechanic had left something like a piece of flypaper on the front left tire: and suddenly it's evening. Frank must have stopped by, because the porch chairs are back upright: and suddenly it's evening. That's not a storm cloud: and suddenly it's evening. Please record message: and suddenly it's evening. An old cot mattress like this might come in handy for padding: and suddenly it's evening. Since subatomic particles know nothing about time, they can never be late: and suddenly it's evening. Turn off the white lamp, turn on the black lamp: and suddenly it's evening. As I stir the coffee, I let go the spoon and watch it make a half turn on its own: and suddenly it's evening. The man looking out of his truck says hello: and suddenly it's evening. That lightning flash matched my eye blink exactly: and suddenly it's evening. This is the first time I've thought of that asshole all day: and suddenly it's evening. Garish pink and pale yellow are tip-offs of de Kooning's influence: and suddenly it's evening. That's a red-winged blackbird, not an oriole: and suddenly it's evening. *The Color of Pomegranates* is really a long music video: and suddenly it's evening. The only sun as glary as February's is October's: and suddenly it's evening. Eight p.m. sounds late in winter but early in summer: and suddenly it's evening. There's a bar of sunlight there, which means a slat is missing: and suddenly it's evening.

He spits about once every five steps: and suddenly it's evening. I haven't cast a shadow for a while: and suddenly it's evening. Anything written after 1870 and called "A Ballad" is best avoided: and suddenly it's evening. That's a third again as much as I paid last time: and suddenly it's evening. The rain run-off beside the road looks like cafe au lait: and suddenly it's evening. I have no idea where that scab went: and suddenly it's evening. I move the book from the center to the left side of the table: and suddenly it's evening. One day, I'd like to live in a house where you can step anywhere on the kitchen floor and not worry about hitting a spongy spot: and suddenly it's evening. The whole coffee cake with cherries, blueberries, and lemons is all organic and only \$2.10, which is a sign from a higher power: and suddenly it's evening. That's why it's called the Blue Ridge: and suddenly it's evening. I should have swept the grass off the sidewalk: and suddenly it's evening. I haven't scared a cow yet: and suddenly it's evening. The restaurant is not officially open until somebody turns on the little waterfall: and suddenly it's evening. I wasn't really going to tickle your foot: and suddenly it's evening. That's the second piece of tape I've found stuck to my pants today: and suddenly it's evening. I've never really enjoyed a teeter-totter: and suddenly it's evening. It's been over a year since I've had a doughnut: and suddenly it's evening. I should have \$200 to spend on a pen: and suddenly it's evening. I've never been interested in seeing a Broadway show: and suddenly it's evening. If you see a deer, say *where* it is, not just that you see it: and suddenly it's evening.

I can see becoming addicted to sleeping pills: and suddenly it's evening. Are those your rocks or Dennis's?: and suddenly it's evening. I wonder if Emily is home so I can pick up the math book: and suddenly it's evening. Now I'm ready to get things done: and suddenly it's evening. That's a *big* robin: and suddenly it's evening.

It's raining on the pond but the sidewalk is dry: and suddenly it's evening. There's no room for that bookcase, either: and suddenly it's evening. We can add that to the list of things I've seen in places I live that remind me of things I've seen in horror movies: and suddenly it's evening. She spent just the right amount of time making those chicken noises: and suddenly it's evening. I need a bigger spoon: and suddenly it's evening. That's an indigo bunting, too: and suddenly it's evening. My brain feels like it's made of Styrofoam: and suddenly it's evening. I'm going to have to soak my big toenail before I try to cut it: and suddenly it's evening. I'm so un-hip I haven't been a guest curator yet: and suddenly it's evening. I actually found a book in the library's re-shelving area: and suddenly it's evening. The first time getting a plug out of a socket is always the hardest: and suddenly it's evening. I'd like some green heirloom tomatoes: and suddenly it's evening. I ask Linda if she'd like a Hawaiian Punch and she says yes: and suddenly it's evening. If you're going to stand around a pickup parked in the front yard, you might as well raise the hood to complete the look: and suddenly it's evening. My reflection has a cowlick: and suddenly it's evening.

My hair is poofed up like a TV evangelist's: and suddenly it's evening. This chair is too soft to take good notes in: and suddenly it's evening. *Key Largo* lasts 101 minutes: and suddenly it's evening. She has a degree in chemistry and she wants a job with a company in St. Louis, but she doesn't even know what they make: and suddenly it's evening. The coffee is supposed to stop dripping when I take the pot out from under the basket: and suddenly it's evening. I think that smell is me: and suddenly it's evening. I'm a shampoo rebel: and suddenly it's evening. Dumb ass birds: and suddenly it's evening. Maybe I just dreamed that I woke up: and suddenly it's evening. That's the first Miro reproduction I've seen in weeks: and

suddenly it's evening. I wish I could quirk my eyebrow like that: and suddenly it's evening. The chair has never creaked like that before: and suddenly it's evening. This library is crap: and suddenly it's evening. These are dull underwear ads: and suddenly it's evening. I wonder if anyone, anywhere, is at this moment deciding to become a stenographer: and suddenly it's evening. It's not so much that licorice has an aftertaste as that its taste just stays: and suddenly it's evening. It looks normal, but it itches: and suddenly it's evening. That skull candle doesn't look like it would burn very well: and suddenly it's evening. The tuna is served rarer than this in restaurants: and suddenly it's evening. Dandelion fluff drifting in the air looks like static: and suddenly it's evening.

I wonder which eyelash just got in my eye: and suddenly it's evening. I guess you can get AIDS from a steering wheel: and suddenly it's evening. Every time I try to pay in one of those check-yourself-out lines at the grocery, something won't scan, and I have to get help: and suddenly it's evening. That's what's called the laughter of recognition: and suddenly it's evening. I'll shave tomorrow: and suddenly it's evening. These crunchy things are not as good as those in the other bowl: and suddenly it's evening. The way my ankles click, I'll never sneak up on anybody: and suddenly it's evening. Remember to turn the book over before you leave: and suddenly it's evening. I'm keeping the black plastic sun shade the eye doctor gave me to wear behind my glasses: and suddenly it's evening. This coffee cup is not an approved container: and suddenly it's evening. All you have to do is threaten me with a turtleneck sweater and I'll tell you everything I know: and suddenly it's evening. The raccoons took the whole damn thing: and suddenly it's evening. That was a quick half hour: and suddenly it's evening. A navel and a blow-hole aren't the same thing: and suddenly it's evening. The nail

of my left fourth finger has that sharp corner again: and suddenly it's evening. There's something irresistible about a woman whistling to herself as she walks down the street: and suddenly it's evening. Don't step on the piece of bread: and suddenly it's evening. Sycamores look good in any kind of weather: and suddenly it's evening. It's not often I meet somebody else who likes a good porter: and suddenly it's evening. Maybe every room is the center of the universe, but the phone is always in the other room: and suddenly it's evening.

I just cleaned the mirror the other day: and suddenly it's evening. This is more like sunshine in rain than rain in sunshine: and suddenly it's evening. All that counting and I'm three nickels short of a roll: and suddenly it's evening. Here's the top of the water bottle under that paper towel: and suddenly it's evening. Don't get ink on the horse: and suddenly it's evening. I refuse to believe flea powder wasn't invented in Yugoslavia: and suddenly it's evening. Just knowing those hills are Ireland makes the color TV more vivid: and suddenly it's evening. I hear the buzzing quite clearly: and suddenly it's evening. Okay, she's stood up: and suddenly it's evening. That's one fake duck: and suddenly it's evening. I push my eyebrows up to rest my eyes: and suddenly it's evening. So how liberal is Liberal, Kansas?: and suddenly it's evening. The new baby shampoo is clear yellow rather than clear orange: and suddenly it's evening. That's the kind of lame joke that deserves a laugh track: and suddenly it's evening. That was one of those thoughts I usually don't have until I wake up in the middle of the night, and then can't do anything about until the next day: and suddenly it's evening. Clipboards are underrated: and suddenly it's evening. Just put all the Roadrunner cartoons in one DVD box set already: and suddenly it's evening. That's a nice old-fashioned blender: and suddenly it's evening. Tee-hee psychosis: and suddenly it's evening.

The link to the Latin dictionary doesn't work: and suddenly it's evening.

The streetlights are really beautiful before they become too bright: and suddenly it's evening. "As insightful as an Argentinean referee" is my new insult: and suddenly it's evening. One effect of good insulation is that the smell of sauerkraut lingers: and suddenly it's evening. It looks like some kind of sketch pad: and suddenly it's evening. The folds of my ears are filthy: and suddenly it's evening. I should go out into the sunlight: and suddenly it's evening. Now it's my left nostril that's stopped up: and suddenly it's evening. She has "Bob Seger fan" written all over her: and suddenly it's evening. The mechanical horse is making an ominous noise: and suddenly it's evening. The public library is a great storehouse of human germs, anyway: and suddenly it's evening. Emily says it's pronounced "kell-tic": and suddenly it's evening. The goddamn smoke alarm is chirping once every three minutes: and suddenly it's evening. That memory watches out for itself: and suddenly it's evening. I hurt my throat just by swallowing: and suddenly it's evening. I still feel stale: and suddenly it's evening. This is horrible cheddar: and suddenly it's evening. I should always check weather.com: and suddenly it's evening. You can't have too many copies of that coupon: and suddenly it's evening. That's not the big spoon: and suddenly it's evening. The sound of the humidifier just changed again: and suddenly it's evening.

Maybe I do need a fake life-size buffalo for the yard: and suddenly it's evening. At least Narcissus would know if he had visible nostril hair: and suddenly it's evening. The thing on top of the banana looks like a storm trooper duck skull: and suddenly it's evening. One of these days I'll have to wrestle that deer for a sandwich: and suddenly it's evening. A fork giving the two-finger heavy metal

salute is still more useful than a person giving it: and suddenly it's evening. Where are they in the middle of the night?: and suddenly it's evening. That's only wind on water: and suddenly it's evening. I ask my finger where it's itching: and suddenly it's evening. I'd like my doctor to have both eyes, thank you very much: and suddenly it's evening. Moonlight rarely makes it to the end of night: and suddenly it's evening. You know without asking that he's never seen something moving out of the corner of his eye that wasn't there when he tried to look at it straight-on: and suddenly it's evening. That oak leaf won't give up: and suddenly it's evening. It's impossible to do a phenomenology of boredom, because you'd have to be interested in the experience: and suddenly it's evening. Oh, she taps dances, too: and suddenly it's evening. I'd rather have an impractical nurse: and suddenly it's evening. Trees hum to themselves when no humans are around: and suddenly it's evening. I should copy the CDs: and suddenly it's evening. The paper towel is stuck to my foot again: and suddenly it's evening. I should get five ones rather than a five: and suddenly it's evening. I'm tired of this e-mail: and suddenly it's evening.

The parrot with the blue, orange, and tan oblongs in a stack is my favorite: and suddenly it's evening. My gall bladder scar itches: and suddenly it's evening. I like a good halation: and suddenly it's evening. Technology has advanced from metal-on-metal rattles to plastic-on-plastic rattles: and suddenly it's evening. That gunshot sounded a bit too close: and suddenly it's evening. The garage door is down, so they got the hummingbird out: and suddenly it's evening. I can never get the lower lock to work: and suddenly it's evening. That light always turns yellow before I get to it: and suddenly it's evening. I think the static is intentional: and suddenly it's evening. The clouds over there look darker because it's brighter

over here: and suddenly it's evening. The woods look like a Courbet painting: and suddenly it's evening. But amber things don't stay longer in memory: and suddenly it's evening. I'll call to see how the dentist went: and suddenly it's evening. I could live in that brick building with ivy growing up its corner: and suddenly it's evening. I'm going to change my middle name to Hyacinth: and suddenly it's evening. I don't care enough to look in the bird book to see what kind of tern that is: and suddenly it's evening. My right ankle itches: and suddenly it's evening. *Andrei Rublev* is over three hours long, so that means it'll take two nights to watch it: and suddenly it's evening. I love the way Brad Dourif's ears shine when the sunlight hits them from behind like that: and suddenly it's evening. I haven't seen the red-haired security guard for a week now: and suddenly it's evening.

It was about time to see a co-ed in a knee brace: and suddenly it's evening. I lost interest when she called California "Cali": and suddenly it's evening. I love a wall made of glass bricks: and suddenly it's evening. I used to think Constant Comment was "Constant Comet:" and suddenly it's evening. I want one of those machine guns where the clip sticks out the side and you can hold onto it as if it were a handle: and suddenly it's evening. How can people keep falling for card holidays?: and suddenly it's evening. That's a good plate-glass window to dance in front of: and suddenly it's evening. My shadow just came back: and suddenly it's evening. The unicorn is wrapped in bubble wrap in that box on the counter: and suddenly it's evening. Strawberry-banana, the inevitable flavor: and suddenly it's evening. I use these scales every five months: and suddenly it's evening. The spruce really does look sort of blue: and suddenly it's evening. I misread my handwriting so "urine" looks like "crime:" and suddenly it's evening. I love the

way my index finger smells after I scratch the back of my ear: and suddenly it's evening. The last time I thought I heard a noise outside, it was something falling off a bathroom shelf: and suddenly it's evening. I've seen the signs how many thousands of times and I still think McDonalds is spelled "MacDonalds": and suddenly it's evening. Nothing is more pathetic than a play from 1972 that's never been checked out of the library: and suddenly it's evening. I can't take a shower now, it's Thursday: and suddenly it's evening. About this time I'd be getting on the subway: and suddenly it's evening. When the sole of your foot cramps, it's painful: and suddenly it's evening.

The kind of person who doesn't replace a subscription card that falls from a magazine while he's reading it at the bookstore: and suddenly it's evening. Billy Idol was not in the Sex Pistols: and suddenly it's evening. A wonderful memory: winter afternoon sunshine thick, reddish, on the blank wall inside the large west entrance to the National Gallery: and suddenly it's evening. That cloud is right on the borderline of alto: and suddenly it's evening. I'd say stamp collecting is quiet desperation: and suddenly it's evening. I'm always unimpressed by MC5: and suddenly it's evening. I think that any time you taste your own mouth it means you're changing: and suddenly it's evening. I like the idea of macaroni and cheese more than I like actual macaroni and cheese: and suddenly it's evening. I've always thought that "antipasto" means "anti-pasta": and suddenly it's evening. I've never understood those door latches that you have to turn 800 times before the lock clicks: and suddenly it's evening. Jean-Paul Belmondo and Michel Piccoli's parking in *Le Doulos* really is criminal: and suddenly it's evening. I know pushing the "Walk" button doesn't make the light change any faster, but I'm pushing it again, anyway: and suddenly it's evening. The rugby match is being shown

live, which means the sky in New Zealand is lovely right now: and suddenly it's evening. Daffy over Donald any day: and suddenly it's evening. The sun-rays through those clouds look like an inspirational poster: and suddenly it's evening. The clear fluid that sometimes comes out first when you squeeze the ketchup bottle is gross: and suddenly it's evening. The ampersand sort of looks like the sign for infinity, and it *does* mean "and": and suddenly it's evening. Can it really be this hard to find gray tube socks?: and suddenly it's evening. I've always felt insecure in my masculinity because Carol Burnett can do the Tarzan yell better than I can: and suddenly it's evening. Sometimes a cup of coffee just doesn't work: and suddenly it's evening.

Saturday morning matinees featuring Westerns at the local cinema: another experience lost: and suddenly it's evening. There's no page 12 in this photocopy: and suddenly it's evening. I love listening to French fries crackle after I put malt vinegar on them: and suddenly it's evening. Hang up before the answering machine answers: and suddenly it's evening. I can remember more Super Bowls than he can: and suddenly it's evening. It's been months since I've used that fluoride rinse: and suddenly it's evening. It's the emotional stretch marks you have to watch out for: and suddenly it's evening. Like using a photographic memory to remember how to put together a camera: and suddenly it's evening. I think when she rolls her nightly credits, I should be moving up the cast list to "featuring": and suddenly it's evening. It's nearly impossible to judge the altitude of alto clouds: and suddenly it's evening. Behind the chipped front bumper is Styrofoam: and suddenly it's evening. The whole concept of a door jamb is unknown to him: and suddenly it's evening. Narcissism is one thing, but did Tab Hunter ever drink Tab?: and suddenly it's evening. My shadow will be sharper later, when the moon comes up:

and suddenly it's evening. Remember to ask Cyrus about the blimp: and suddenly it's evening. As of now, that towel is my bird shit towel: and suddenly it's evening. I don't really need four green pencils: and suddenly it's evening. *Hoink* is a sound effect you don't hear too often: and suddenly it's evening. Dear Mothra, I am a true believer: and suddenly it's evening. Can't tell the legs of the spider from their shadows: and suddenly it's evening.

That itch again on my right thumb, between the nail and the first joint: and suddenly it's evening. The dialogue has a lot of semi-colons: and suddenly it's evening. My new magazine will be called the *Cashiers of Cinema*: and suddenly it's evening. The room is much more livable without the armchair in the middle of the floor: and suddenly it's evening. I don't like the look of that crumb: and suddenly it's evening. You don't actually pick your teeth with a toothpick: and suddenly it's evening. I knew I wouldn't need the sweatshirt: and suddenly it's evening. People who spend their lives studying what one other person did with his or her life remind me of Leatherface in *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, wearing his mask made from someone else's skin: and suddenly it's evening. It's not usually considered a nap if it takes place after dark: and suddenly it's evening. I guess delivery takes six weeks if you don't mail it until five weeks after it's ordered: and suddenly it's evening. The woman on the bicycle has not come back down the path: and suddenly it's evening. That's not a hygrometer: and suddenly it's evening. The sun glare on the lake is blinding: and suddenly it's evening. *Black Belt Jones* is finally out on DVD: and suddenly it's evening. At least it's consistently 6% off: and suddenly it's evening. How subtle can you be if you pronounce the "b" in "subtle?": and suddenly it's evening. It's been years since I really guffawed: and suddenly it's evening. *Scaly* is not a word I look forward

to using about myself: and suddenly it's evening. She actually said "ha-ha-ha" when she laughed: and suddenly it's evening. My knees are cold: and suddenly it's evening.

Did Robert Lowell ever scratch his neck with a ballpoint pen and make a mark on his neck accidentally?: and suddenly it's evening. That one channel goes off the air and it's like France doesn't even exist: and suddenly it's evening. I wouldn't want a middle initial that doesn't stand for anything: and suddenly it's evening. Laura has a scone left over: and suddenly it's evening. I like a night light: and suddenly it's evening.

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A round of fiddles playing Bacharach: and suddenly it's evening.

MARK CUNNINGHAM'S recent book *Helicotremors* (Otoliths) includes a section which originally appeared in *Beard of Bees*.

