



### *The Sunbather*

Stretched out on the shadow  
Of beach towel and tree  
Black shorts drawing a line  
To laugh at tomorrow  
Big toe pointing like a compass  
Due North  
Black goggles round as the gas ball  
They shield her from  
Glaring from under a straight mop  
Sheep dog-style  
Hoisting her head  
To inspect me squintingly  
She looks like a thwarted turtle  
That can't turn over.