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### I.

Examine the falling chimney,  
a classic mechanics problem:  
a column of bricks topples,  
accelerates towards earthly center  
at 9.8 meters per second squared.

Chimney falls,  
top keeps pace with bottom  
until, towards path's middle,  
it moves faster.  
Baked yellow clay snaps  
under strain.

### II.

The week before graduation  
my friend and I wander  
empty holiday streets;

fall into grass;  
watch clouds and sharp blue ceiling  
metamorph into a wrinkled man.

Sick from sunlight  
vomit pours from my nose.

### III.

We fall in love—  
electron drawn toward proton,  
leaf pulled to Earth.

Violent motions, oddly symmetrical  
modeled by complex mathematics.

And yet,  
we can only predict things,  
guess.

Schrodinger's Equation  
a string of symbols and numbers,  
says:  
electrons falling in orbit  
must be somewhere.

There is no analog for creatures made beautiful by love.

—Colin Bossen '98

