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TO THEE, O PLOT UPON THE EARTH
THE PLOT THAT CLAIMS US BY OUR BIRTH
but who labors, country, you or we?
and should YOU not then sing to me?

sing a song of freedom of life liberty
and the various pursuits.
or better yet tell a story: the times of the
tom tom paine, jefferson, in
modern dress . . .

without a lid what can it hold?
this pot that harbors fool's gold?
it holds the thoughts of time gone by
holds them, for the men who die

we didn't worry, or we did,
about the pot without a lid
or what it held, or what's the use
of living living's sad abuse?

but did we worry, did we not,
there still remains: the lidless pot

Frank . . .

. . . D. L. Newsome

Frank's a man
Who
Plods
Along
Body, mind opposed.
One near sleeping seems
While other
Laughs!
Not loud;
With crinkle-thinking eyes.