talking giraffes

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the best jokes, the ones
that make the biggest
impression
always start with
an animal
you didn't know
could speak

...

beat humour

Richard Brautigan
was blowing pot smoke rings
at a bull's eye on a poster
with a photo of Ezra Pound.
everyone thought it was funny
except Ferlinghetti, he never
laughed
at anything.

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in the backyard

a lie is a lie
is sitting on your couch
eating out of the cats' dish
hiding in the backyard
between
garbage cans

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Xmas Cards

suppose one of your kids died
and not all your friends noticed
would you still send them
Christmas Cards?

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stringbeans and corned beer

Chui and I were sitting at our
table
he told me I had to have some
beans and beef
and he'd never steered me wrong
before

I made sure I piled some on
right between the macaroni
and the scalloped potatoes

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turning right

I was driving in rural Quebec
and looking for an old farmhouse
how many of them could there be

I had a house number
but no street or road name
I turned around a few times
and eventually
turned right into the laneway

imagine that

...

the movies

I love movies
but at 58
the plot is not
always as obvious
as they used to be
and the soundtracks
suck

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St. Moriarty's

what if all schools
were named after a villain
out of a Sherlock Holmes story,
every hospital too