# Poems by Mark Young

#### A line from Buckminster Fuller

Carbon-based life reads medical journals & romance fanfiction. Wears interesting jackets with

screen-printed patterns of fruits & vegetables as the lining. In different pieces in differing mix-

tures is used as a beta tester, a guinea pig, an animated interface to solve the metaphysics

bound in founding an Armed Forces Hospital. We may safely presume the solution is not beautiful.

#### A line from Joss Whedon

The giant's name is broken into a binary string. Is then encoded to become those straw-

berry- & honey-flavored glass straws so favored as feedstock for children's jewelry. Might seem

a waste, but makes economic sense. You can produce a lot of beads with very few syllables.

## geographies: Clare

To reduce congestion & flooding impacts we are becoming a 24-hour society. Vacation Bible Schools challenge contemporary attitudes to sexuality. A documentary about a sloth orphanage will probably make your eyeballs explode from cuteness & cause your DNA to further unwind. Film loading & commentary on politics helps older adults stay mobile & independent. Who hasn't wanted to do that?

## Trenchant objections

Poor kids enlist in the military to have drinks

& eat interesting pub food. "The primary aim

of the state is to make its citizens virtuous" —

they love this interactive infographic from Plato.

Lollapalooza is always a great word to know.

## Why I am jealous of Ben Bernanke

In an unprovenanced manuscript of *Oedipus Rex* which has just been placed on the market

by an anonymous vendor from Uzbekistan, there is an exorcised passage in which Oedipus states that the presence or

absence of poets after the various Greek Wars were the first true example of labor economics. "Who needs bards" he

ends "when there is no victory to sing about?" Someone—a different hand, most probably Sophocles' editor has crossed that out

& in the margin written: "Economics is fine, but what relevance do poets have to a story about a man who fucks his mother?"

#### A line from David Beckham

My dog has dry "creepy" skin on her back. The S&P 500 returns 9-10%

per year on average. Lewis needs a kidney. Tom Cruise, he's a lot

more famous than me. There's been an incident at the World Trade Center.

Together with Pope Benedict XVI I am ashamed. I scratch my scrotum. Global

warming means we will have to retreat to the pointy bits. My

elaborate soufflé might implode. No country has ever crashed as quickly.

geographies: Bakers Wood

The one minute Public Service Announcement on the spread of invasive species may be small

but it boasts great harmony vocals, high quality sea views, & is ready to do big things!

# A line from Lou Gehrig

Orson Welles sits in the sawdust & straw behind Clown Alley thinking *A change* 

might work. With my subtle sense of humor, which complements my magical performance,

I can return to cable news as an illustrated sidebar able to be used in a therapeutic con-

text once a check or money order has been deposited & cleared in my bank account.

#### version 2

Claiming to have more than enough expertise to transform the marketing potential of the space available on the inner t-shirt into venture capital, a consortium of lentils & lean beef has launched a socalled "lads' magazine" which examines the spiritual & therapeutic practice of taking retreats into metaphysical darkness whilst wearing only flimsy underwear.

# because of : despite

: watching an / Armani fashion show / on cable : exquisitely patterned fabrics / wonderful designs / the models / foot in front of foot / progress / process the runway / tall / slender / the best for the best : & then at the end Armani himself / come to take his bow / the only one : a Charlie Chaplin figure : avuncular.