

REFRIGERATOR BLUES

Our tour inside a white box
you can readily assume
is an open invitation
you're invited to consume
we doubt that it will make you fat
or keep you nice and trim
consider from the menu
your choice among the following..

One limp orange carrot.
soft and turning brown
a soggy green pepper
that was never thrown out.
And just to whet your appetite
before it goes away
a glass of orange florida
three months old today.
okay.....

Let's take a look inside
the blotchy crisper tomb
it could rekindle your desire
if your stomach still has room
a lettuce with a rusty edge
a can of opened pet food
a severed onion facing bread
on which mold has launched attack
three eggs inside an open box
two of which are cracked
a once fresh stick of celery
hungover before noon
might have served to liven up
the chicken leg since doomed.

Ignore it we continue on
past jars and bottles hard to open
a chocolate bar chewed and broken
breakfast cereal clogged in bowls

a wrap of silver foil that tames
a bulging tub of margarine
color boxed with daffodils
sour cream unopened still and...
Stop....

Italian olives stuffed with what?
the flip-top sealer has been lost
baking soda long past gone
what date was listed good until
we'll never know and still remains
a secret alongside ancient grains
it's hard to read expired time
on light bulb blistered cellophane
best skip the marinades and dips
and pig out on the cupboard chips.

What can we trust and what is this?
Ah! on the rack inside the door
an item that once ruled the world
as king of the entire lot
with stars and stripes it proudly sits
and reigns supreme
Yes!
Coke is it.