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A GREYHOUNDISH POMBE

Once when I was young, I went

Bare-eyed out into the world.

Once before I wrote, I went

Fearless with my flag unfurled.

Once when I could love, I went

Joying out to face the cold.

Once when I was strong, I went

Fierce out and I was bold.

Once I knew the world,

Once I shrieked at dreams—

Then I grew old and hid my eyes.

Then I did write and furled my flag.

Then I lost love and learned of sighs.

Then I got weak and let spirit sag.

Learn this of the world,

It has not the promise it seems.

Pete Hraber