

## KYBE HARTWEG

### Curator of Reptiles

Sometimes Professor Norman Hartweg sat  
alone in the darkness of his office,  
staring out the window against which  
he was silhouetted with his pipe  
and slow-rising clouds of fragrant smoke.

Other times he gave advice to young professors,  
*"Take out the italics!"* or twinkled his eyes  
over circles of coffee cups and retold stories  
only his grocer seemed to remember, for him alone,  
and which we always fell quiet to hear.

Do not speak to me yet about replacement.

