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## Godbey: Silver Anniversary

SILVER ANNIVERSARY  
Terry Godbey

No party, no cake, no  
flowers. He's across town

in his new apartment. I'm getting acquainted  
with the lawn mower and pool pump.

After dark, rats sneak  
into the attic, wake me at three

with their parties. Mornings  
he stops by, carries them down stiff

in traps, tongues coated  
with peanut butter.

There are things I want  
badly enough to die for, traps

I edge close to  
again and again for a taste.

It's been only four weeks. I haven't told  
my mother, but the rats must know.

Even now, I hear them. One  
is leaving. Another has arrived.