

Fast Eddie

Fast Eddie of the unfinished house is
on the deck of the unfinished porch
of the unfinished house
slumped in a red canvas chair.
He appears to be nodding off
or contemplating his crotch
or looking at the bare wood
planks of the unfinished deck
One day I saw him without a shirt.
It was a really hot day.
There was a power outage
and I made a neighborly
stop at his door to tell him
a crew was at work nearby.
He wore a Confederate flag
tattoo on his chest
and swastikas on his biceps.
As I said, it was a hot day,
as it is today.
But that afternoon, he saw
the look on my face
and he won't be taking
his shirt off again.