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You now read an uncollected poem.
If a poem collector, you should
Collect it, for it will become rare.
Very scarce, nearly unread poems
Should be pursued if you speculate.
Collected poems are less common
But eventually the most read poems
Will be them, so there seems no way
For a taxipoemist to thrive
No matter how you stuff a poem’s
Hide to give it a lifelike pose. Put
Down your shotgun and don’t shoot
This poem. Leave it in the wild,
Its rarely noticed, natural state.