

## Wilderness House Literary Review 12/1

*Tom Montag*  
**PLAIN WORDS**

1.

That I cannot say  
what I mean to say

does not mean  
it doesn't mean

what I want it to.

2.

Plain words are enough,  
are more than enough.

Dull bricks in the sun  
make a lovely building.

Wait and see. Lovely.  
Even in the rain.

3.

I am a simple man.  
More of the same

is good enough  
if it is good.

*Dos tortas pescado?*  
she asks. *Si*, I say.

She knows and I know  
I am a simple man.