

LINES PENNED IN MILD DISILLUSIONMENT

The toothpaste tube of life
surprisingly is squeezed
to crumpled flatness
(the generous years of youth
with wanton ease
extruded out,
no adult-minded doubt
of coming to an end
yet evident).
And now, half-squashed, half-rolled,
suddenly I'm old.

The years from teens to thirties
dispelled, like evening dreams
one scarce remembers,
can hardly be redeemed
or coerced smoothly back
into the tube.

My time was God's. I sloshed
it out unstintingly
to counter truth decay.
A whole world to be washed!
No time for play!
And now, half-squeezed, half-used,
I'm disabused.

Anyone for tennis?

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