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In the beginning the registrar  
took a left hook to the jaw.

He filed a complaint  
with the department of left hooks.

He waited for weeks  
but there was no reply.

He sharpened a spoon  
into a shiv

& stabbed the guy  
who'd given him the left hook.

Blood unspooled  
over the whole earth.

This blood  
is what you call the ocean.

You like to swim  
in blood.

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