

BIRTHDAY CAKE

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I

Today I faced
the schoolish race—
the apathy
complacency.
I explained,
they remained
in a docile trance
of ignorance.

II

What's on the test?
Forget the rest.
I'll take a B
and my degree.
The teacher's done
I've got to run;
I'm off to bake
a birthday cake.

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