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The Fashion of the Day 04/19/16

["at that delightful stage which they called
'filling up the corners'," - J R R Tolkien
from "A Long Awaited Party", *LOTR* Book 1]

The syllables sing
In non-rhyming rhythm.
Consonants cut a quick
Caper 'cross your ear.

~

Interstitched between
The mags' meat and potatoes,
They garnish the edges
And color the corners,

~

Bold of type
To catch the eye
And tempt a taste
With the promise of
Brain candy bite.

~

Into the dance
The poet and you
Step with the lines
And get it you think,

~

Then smack into
A jump cut to beyond
Left field and Neverland
Just for starters.

~

A threadless labyrinth,
All blazeless trees;
Stranded in stanzas
Of disconnect,
And no decoder ring.

- Gerald Alan Ney