

Fat Ass

The woman in the next cubicle: fat ass,
the man on the train: fat ass, the director
of the nonprofit where I work
(though always dieting): fat ass
and a bitch. Me on my fourth cookie:
fat ass. My mom in her chair: fat ass.
My dad in his chair (reclining): fat ass,
and my sister (though she'll never forgive me).
Jeremy, Annie, Brian, Lois, Chip, Jan,
Nancy, David Groff and David Trinidad:
all fat asses. My editor: fat ass. The employees
of my publishing company (if I still have one)—
every single one of them—a fat ass.
Louise Glück, Ted Kooser, Charles Simic:
fat ass, fat ass, fat ass. Robert Pinsky,
Rita Dove, Billy Collins: fat ass, fat ass, really
really fat ass. David Lehman: Best American
Fat Ass. Jesus fat ass. The devil fat ass.
The fat ass pope in his extra big fat ass robe.