

JEFF GUESS

ULYSSES

Brisbane, Thursday – The hunt is on for the trawler hand who allegedly shot dead ‘Ulysses’, a 150-year old groper which had lived in waters off the tropical northern coast since before Queensland was declared a separate state. Newspaper Report.

something had been thickening here for years
at Beaver Cay tightening nets
disturbing the bottom and clouding the warm clear sea
with excuses that had to get

more complicated and worse still finally
come down to this this stopping
of the hand-fed wild thing today
before tomorrow went on too long

tamed for execution anyway years ago
and always a possibility sooner or
later though one might think sadly so
after the wind that brought the showers

this afternoon could only dent the empty sea in vain
now death had punched a single hole in harder rain