

and on the ground
he'd have thousands of reasons for living.
(Although if the Law of Averages
conspired with the Law of Gravity
as it does sometimes,
as it sometimes does,
what could he do?
Even Captain Pluperfect
can fall, once.
Need fall,
once only.)

VOLKER WOLF

cultural shock

some latitudes closer
to the sun
opposite everywhere
leisure is
catching
people take off
their heads
floating

some platitudes closer
to their figures
opposite everyone
catching
is leisure
we take off
our heads
shrivelling