

**Break(it)fast**

Praksis A. Miranda

Disinterested  
He reads the newspaper  
While she happily narrates  
Little Tom's camping adventures

Annoyed  
When she asked him  
If he wanted more coffee  
Since his cup was half empty

Dissatisfied  
"The eggs are too oily," he said.  
"You know how I want my eggs."  
She anxiously stood up to get napkin

Interrupted  
Her stories of Little Tom's camping  
Were cut short when he said  
"Shit, the stock market doesn't look good."

Perplexed  
She wonders what changed him  
He used to be adorable  
But now he is abominable

Overwhelmed  
Her vision starts to dim  
She slowly grabs the coffee pot  
As her anger rises to a peak

Jolted  
As the hot coffee pours on his lap  
Screaming invectives of every form  
He ends berating with, "You're so stupid!"

Admonished  
She says, "I'm not stupid."  
"I'm just human, and so are you."  
He falls into dead silence.