

CRYSTAL HURDLE

Green Androgyny

—for Georgia O’Keeffe

Pots of soil teethe.
Pricks of green gum the humus.
Embryo penises of
narcissus and daffodil and hyacinth
poke their ways erect.
The hyacinths are the biggest,
most bulbous.
Boastful of conquests,
they are the preening
extroverts
of the spring
flowerpots.

Like three-month female foetuses,
the crocuses
have penises too,
multi-shafted
(men should be so lucky),
but soon they will flower
labia-lipped.

Ponder androgyny
in the nether regions of
January’s flowerpots.

For what is a better example
of an hermaphrodite
than an amaryllis?

Its glans and shaft
tenderly elongate
from the scrotal bulb to
foreskin-peel-climax
into a
bilabiate corolla,
incarnation of femaleness,
stalked
by maleness.