

Christmas Again

for the first time
in a long time
I have some
extra money
for the upcoming
holidays

so I
have no
excuse
to receive
gifts
and not
give
them

I have
been getting
away
with sending
packets of
poems
to people
as
gifts

and I always write
the same thing

“Dual-purpose!
After reading
burn them
in the fireplace.”

but there I was
in the bookstore
feeling depressed
looking for presents

I searched
picking things up

putting them back where they didn't belong
giving the clerks
a run for their money
then I
bought
4 books
for myself

and left

merry Christmas
to me