

Ceremony

It was after the I dos or I wills,
I don't know which they said
because I wasn't paying much attention,
the singing and the saying,
the admiration and praying,
and I suppose the kissing,
when I heard that motorcycle
rumbling close, then up the three steps
into the foyer and there he was
gunning that engine, turned sideways,
looking at Brenda and her about to melt.
She looked around from her position
as second bridesmaid for a split second
before running down the aisle
taking off her high heels,
giving her posy to Chrystal Shank,
Lou Ann's daughter,
hitching up her peach-colored dress
and climbing on behind Ladd Montgomery,
aka Ladd The Bad, hugging him good
as they roared out and down the three steps.
It took about two minutes
to start thinking about the food.

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