

Javelina & The Camp Cat

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Camp cat slinks under feeder.
Snuffy oblivious to cats presence
while dining on sumptuous seeds.
Kicked out of bird feeder.
Five quail scurry toward Snuffy
putting on brakes, stopping suddenly.
Heads cock side to side.
Cat waits motionless behind bush.

Great Horned Owl

Perched atop camp TV. antenna.
Great horned owl speaks volumes.
Who, who---who, who sounds
waft across afternoon's fading light.
I call back, who, who.
Owl's head cocks sensing presence.
I stand motionless in shadows
Not knowing what I've said.

Mesquite Smoke Rises

Mesquite smoke rises from pit.
Steaks sear on barbeque grill
as crickets begin evenings serenade.
Bullbat's aerie call pierces
night as if buzzer pushed.
Son, Danny, John and I
share starry Las Islas evening
as Vinagaroon races across pad.