

## **Lessons Learned**

She asked me  
to "pop" her balloon  
so she could see it expand again.  
But I'd tied it off  
with a permanent knot  
and I knew what would be  
the consequence.  
So I asked  
if she was sure  
and she assured me she was  
so I took it to hand  
and began.  
Now she's standing in tears  
roused by the fear  
that the object is lost  
forever.

*—Michael Pracht*