

Now that I drink only water

the world is full of wonder.

Somewhere near Cairo a baby is born
with a single eye in its forehead.

Although it has no ears (or nose) and is not expected to survive,
the parents are overjoyed,
believing it a gift from Allah,

the beneficent, the merciful,
and a Shopkeeper with a strict policy of no returns.

In Dharmasala, the 14th Dalai Lama
blesses the union of Richard Gere and his third wife,

a wealthy socialite from Madrid.
Sources close to the couple say they share a common love
of altruism, meditation, and good wine.

And on the final episode of *The Bachelor*,
the guileless kindergarten teacher from Dallas

is pitted against the pragmatic realtor from Portland,
who is explaining to the bachelor

that her family was so poor
she straightened her teeth with her parent's
expired credit card.

In a hospital nursery crib, young Polyphemus stirs,
blinks once, and exhales ponderously
through the cave that is now his mouth--

while the Kindergarten teacher confides to the camera
that when the blade dropped

she was just about to fall in love.