

## FIRE HYDRANT

The fire hydrants are good friends,  
the bill boards of society  
where local news and current trends  
are plainly posted publicly.

Each iron sign post marks a place  
where anyone can trot on by,  
and if they wish, may leave their trace  
with invitations to reply.

The messages all overlap,  
but when the separating's done  
the dogs decode the jumbled map  
and read the postings one by one.

I wish I had the wherewithal  
to read them, too. I'd always be  
polite, and not a know-it-all  
despite the nosy side of me.

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