

## Occasion

Though no child may touch  
the candy of another

she props the scarecrow on its hay,  
the pipe-cleaner spiders upon their webs –

occasion retained by intention alone:  
the door-hung skeleton, the spirits within

who reclaim the calendar  
with spooky masks, controlled fright

the mind manifests as it transports  
in and out of the macabre,

its jaunts the sweet apple left  
bobbing in the water.