

Otherwise

We are all
Otherwise.

Bill number S868
passed today
in the state of
Pennsylvania.

Last to pass in the nation.

And in 30 days
this will be our law:
No Gender Specified.

No more boy.
No more girl.

Unisex is best,
they say,
for our state and the rest.

The population explosion
has created
a mess.

Otherwise

Control
is their answer.

Everyone must
now shave
their heads.

Everyone must
now wear
the same gray
uniform.

I must confess,
checking the box that says
“Otherwise” or “Unisex”
does not seem best
to me.

I feel like a freak.

I am now
—we are all—

Otherwise.

How It Started

This all started
back in 2022

when preschools
and day cares
and most parents
began to think

there should be no
more pink
or blue
for new humans.

Yellow and purple and orange
and aquamarine green
were cool.

Then nobody had a clue
if that human
was a boy or a girl.

Otherwise

The babies were all the same.

Only those who changed
the diapers
knew the truth.