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There once was a gal from Eugene
Whose first name was Mo, for Maureen.
Her job was really fun—
She was a librarian.
And truly life was peachy keen.

A call then came out from the *Quarterly*
“We need people who write and are orderly.
We have lots of topics.
Suggestions we won’t nix
And you can guest edit the *Quarterly*.”

One issue was ‘Libraries and Media.’
“Do you think that includes Wikipedia?”
It’s the issue for fun-
With that Mo, she was won.
And she cancelled her trips through Expedia.

That’s how Mo found herself as an editor.
Most likely she had no competitor.
She sent out her own call:
“Come writers one and all.
Please help me to be the guest editor.”

She tempted them with Stephen Colbert
He ran for president, not just mayor.
At National Library Week he scoffed,
ALA looked dim and soft—
Instead of hip, cool, and aware.

“If this is what you mean by media
We are so with you, on boardia.
We’ll spoof that smart guy,
Even blacken his eye
And thwart his attempt at comedia.”

The authors lined up with their stories
Dreamed up in their laboratories
From Bennett, Glass, Behrman,
To Jasper, Asch, Gilman,
Like so many smart Laboratories.

To separate media from culture
Is like finding a generous vulture.
We gave it a shot
Plus copious thought.
Please judge what you think of the picture.

The other topic we could not avoid
Was image, although somewhat annoyed
That it seemed it still mattered;
The stereotype not yet shattered.
We’re about ready to call Dr. Freud.

From blogs to Barney, spoof to Potter,
Then hip to heroes, who is hotter,
The authors put out their best stuff
Mo surely had more than enough.
There was lots of material for fodder.

We write of the *Times* and TV
Comics, You Tube, don’t you see
All kinds of media
(even Wikipedia)
Are fair game for our wittery.

And now that our issue is done
Have we answered the question:
Do they go together,
Like birds of a feather,
Popular media and the librarian?

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