

*Christopher Mulrooney*  
*Five Poems*

menu

I present the bill  
the standard bill  
for the standard bill of fare  
it computes in round numbers  
to my liking always the same  
always the same

the price of a ticket

## School of Athens

it all comes out this way  
says the major-domo

reporting on high  
kicking teats and testicles

the fulminating rebuke  
issued silently  
and all but deadly

in the green park

## extent

we leave the ruins  
a tourist attraction

ignore the boulevard  
a lacklustre harem

head for the hills  
and the plains

as expected

## collegium

we gather round the table  
we gather

stubble ergot and merds  
make our field

a plate or tray  
at the symposium

## disembowelment

cut the guts out  
leave the rest  
it's a tough bout  
for the best

if you speak the lingo I'll tell you all about  
the fairy evanishment  
flowers and cream  
from the cud