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## **Occupational Haikus** by Claire Zulkey

### Lighthouse Keeper

Lonely. So lonely.  
So alone. In solitude.  
Was that a boat? Crap.

### Chevy Chase

What happened to me?  
I used to be funny. Now  
I'm just annoying.

### Starbucks Barista

No foam half caf chai  
Double tall soy room for milk  
Me, I'd like a Coke.

### Pencil Factory Worker

Pencils. Lots of them.  
Yellow. Graphite. Eraser.  
Yep. Lots of pencils.

### Carson Daly

Oh, to be young still  
To understand this rock and  
roll. I am 40.

### Zoo Cage Cleaner

You wouldn't think a  
Chimpanzee could produce that  
much waste. But it does.

### Abercrombie and Fitch Employee

You want to try that  
on? Well don't look at me. I'm  
not here to serve you.

### Ex-manager of Britney Spears

Damn you, Britney Spears.  
Just wait 'til my tell-all book,  
"I Hope You Get Fat."

### Advertising Copywriter

How on God's green earth  
Can I put a new spin on  
A stupid bagel?

Body Shop Executive

Let's say this shampoo  
Was made in Zimbabwe and  
Mark it up ten bucks.