

Humongo Circulation Man

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Humongo circulation man
He's got a heartbeat that's 20/20.

He sat on the floor
in front of the classroom door,
and everyone stepped over him.
He thanked them all because,
in a dream, he'd watched them all
step over him and smash his hand
on the other side.

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Red blood cells race like Formula 1.

He ran to the corner to meet a friend.
She wasn't there,
and he forgot which corner,
so he ran to another corner.
Running back and forth,
he worked himself up to a sweat,
worked himself up to a double-thumping
wallop of a pace
till she finally came.

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He'll have a stroke if he thinks too hard.

He'll have a heart attack
if he doesn't cut back
on the free food, the eggs and bacon,
and the energizing symphonies.

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His pulse beats eighth note triplets.

He looked at the back of his left hand,
and there were 5 red scabs.
He regretted picking the 5 pinhole scars,
but he scratched at them anyway.

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With his pulse he charges batteries.

He joined a class
on synchronized swimming and juggling.
Class was in session,
but all he did was run around the pool.
They warned him not to slip.

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His blood pumps like a vacuum cleaner.

He took a test,
but he couldn't finish it.
He just kept asking for more time,
but he couldn't concentrate,
and he just couldn't do it in time.

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His bruises bloom like thorny bushes.

After class, he went to the men's locker
room,
and wouldn't you know it,
there were women hanging out,
joking and laughing.

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His capillaries have amplifiers.

In one stall, there was a girl reading her
poetry
to a couple guys who comforted her.
The poem was called,
"Don't let your boyfriend cut your hair".

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He's got his heart on overdrive.

In one of his dreams,
in order to save money on groceries,
he shrunk himself down
and was a stowaway in a grocery bag.

Humongo circulation man
He's got sutures in the backs of his eyes.