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a moon
circling
 .7 degrees
south
 of Neptune
while
the globe
 is nine days through
the
New
Year
and
Vietnamese forces
 have overrun Ampil.
The Goonies hit
 a Theater Near You
and they call this decade
 A Cartoon Ghetto.
Michael Jackson
 moonwalks the airwaves,
and AIDS infects the voices after his hits
with public campaigns contraceptives.
 Farther than the antenna reaches
a little girl in South Africa
 cries for a mother
because
 the world
is bursting at the seems
 with 4.8 billion people
while another
 slithers the womb.