

### PATENTED MOUSE

*Those little creatures of fields and homes  
feeding on berries grain and domestic debris,  
tasty prey for birds and mammals;  
those Old World Muridae, tiny passengers  
to the New World in dark depths of ships  
laden with food never seen or tasted.*

*Nerve-wracked bundles of boundless energy  
named *Mus musculus* by Carl von Linné  
who could not know the albino cousins  
bred by predators in white gowns  
for laboratory labors on life and death.*

*The New Mouse,  
red-eyed whisker-twitching pink-footed naked-  
tailed  
neurotic flesh and fiber assembly line robots  
bioengineered to unlock the mysteries of  
disease.*

*Now in the dawning of the New Age,  
Needles prick naked embryos of the little ones;  
mouse mammary cancer genes  
spread within pale pink bodies  
like liquids flooding a yielding sponge,  
grow new generations of time bombs for  
tumors.*

*To patent or not to patent,  
the question a faint echo in the great halls  
where answers roll like thunder  
drowning a choir of ethical objections  
to the first government patent,  
a genetically engineered animal.*

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