To The Bag

A Judicial Appeal

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The “Green Bag” once surprised us,
   By off’ring gifts to savor,
What once were merely booklets,
   Are now of a different flavor.

   Tiny icons have arrived,
   To set out hearts a-wobble,
Now they’re found on Ebay,
   Because their heads, they bobble.

But in the past, the bobbleheads,
   Were delivered in the mail.
The problem is that “Green Bag”
   Has a tiger by the tail.

The little toys all short and cute,
   Were once a gay lagniappe,
But now as a collectable,
   They’ve become a kind of trap.

   Bobblehead deliver;
   Bobblehead defect.
It’s become a headache,
   Not easy to correct.
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“Green Bag” has this problem.
“Green Bag” had to find a cure.
The chosen resolution, though,
Is painful to endure.

Instead of sending out the dolls,
“Green Bag” simply sends a chit.
What I get is a certificate,
It’s a hassle [pick a word to fit].

And now I’ll need an ID.
Just like getting on a plane.
Kind of like Homeland Security,
But even more insane.

I live in far mid-Continent,
Not near the water’s salt,
So going to George Mason,
Is no solution, Oy Gevalt!

I don’t belong to the ABA,
Or its meeting in Chi-town.
The AALS won’t recruit me,
So I ain’t District bound.

This means I’m reduced to begging,
And seek to register a plea-a,
Can’t I just send you money,
To Fed Ex my Scalia?

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An Irrational Market

To the Bag:

In Basic, Inc. v. Levinson, 485 U.S. 224 (1988), the Supreme Court upheld the “fraud-on-the-market” theory of securities liability. This theory is founded upon the “efficient market hypothesis,” which posits that in an open and developed market composed of rational investors, an asset’s price will reflect all available material information concerning its value.