

*Publishers Mills & Boon of Manchester, England, donated  
2.5 million romance novels for burial to aid noise reduction  
on a motorway extension.*

Hardly at a loss for words, this  
most novel action has stilled its  
fill of voices, unlettering  
forty miles of much-tiered shelf space.

Descent has rendered speechless all  
the reaching aspiration in  
countless vows of panting, would-be  
poignanteers, unpantied to no end.

The trillionth alphabetic face  
has gone to earth—filling but still  
unfulfilled, unsought, fading and  
remote. Refusing any page,

these love letters lie, lost, sometimes  
the cost of grounded characters.  
Good luck to them all. They've stopped their  
noise. May they now stop some of ours.