

How to Conquer Gravity

This guy Veneziano
told us first that string
is the basis of matter,
not points.

Erik Verlinde now claims
it's all in our brains
there isn't any gravity
the reason we feel it
is entropy.

Matter, it seems,
goes this way, not that,
seeking least opposition,
in its path.

So the wriggly strings
just decide to move "down"
or clump up to things
cause it's too much damn work
to go "up" or away.

That's what they say.
Those string theory guys.

What fabulous news!
We just need to convince
these lazy damn strings
to go where we choose.

To convince them to do
what we want them to do
and go not down, but up,
and entirely unglue
atoms, planets, and stuff,
hire an adman or two.

—Mary A. Turzillo

