

ERIC HORSTING

Surprises

No one will love you
as much as your lovers.
Outside your window, the cardinal
will color your ear
because it is late spring.
The Rose-of-Sharon tree
will blossom and stain
the walk with lavender petals.
The zinnias will grow
four feet high because
this is Ohio; and they
will wither quickly
for the same reason.
And your lovers, because
they love you, will
notice these things.