STEVEN BUTTERMAN

Missed Her Meanings

Mister Meaner met Miss Demeanor A salted tear fell from Her arresting eye, and so

Some place he courted

Her, He

Fell on knees to mislead—

Guilty

Of misrepresentation,

Falsification, she locked up In his chilly embrace, Miss Demeanor

Bonded thus could nonetheless

Not bail herself out Imprisoned by forces Of unknown sources

And Mister Meaner

Simply copped Out

(One day) to

Her eventual relief,

A desired release-

Case fully dismissed With prejudice.