

I stand up and push
my idiot buttons.
Which is *my* job.
You bet I work safely.

ELEPHANTS

The john smells like the elephant house
at the zoo.

So, I must be an elephant standing here
emptying my trunk, pressing
my face into tile.

Elephant jokes were popular once.
Maybe trying to replace ethnic jokes.
You couldn't get anyone in here
to listen to an elephant joke.

I can't go much further with this
I'm afraid. I must be an elephant.

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I make a headband from paper towels.
I am an Indian. Splashing water on my face
from the bathroom stream. I am on a journey.
I am lost. The face in the mirror
is my enemy. I splash the water
and splash the water. I try to breathe.
I am not an Indian.