

Toothpaste

Who's been at the toothpaste?
I know some of you do it right
and you squeeze the tube from the bottom
and you roll up the tube as it gets used up, don't you?
But somebody
somebody here –
you know who you are
you dig your thumb in
anywhere, anyhow
and you've turned that tube of toothpaste
into a squashed sock.
You've made it so hard to use
it's like trying to get toothpaste
out of a packet of nuts.
You know who you are.
I won't ask you to come out here now
but you know who you are.
And then you went and left the top off didn't you?
So the toothpaste turned to cement.
People who do things like that should...
you should be ashamed of yourself.
I am.

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