Clover

Whitney Olthoff*

*Iowa State University

Copyright ©2008 by the authors. Sketch is produced by The Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress). http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/sketch
Clover
Whitney Olthoff

A three-leaf clover
lies crumpled on the
grainy bus floor.

Once a seedling,
it grew steadily in soft soil,
until plucked by a child.

It landed lonely on the
sidewalk bus stop. Picked
up by an oblivious student
in the groove of his sole
and brought on the bus,
it fell from the crevice
to lie on the floor, unlucky. Now
people step on the bus, crushing
the clover with each tread,
preserving its hopelessness.