

## **Elephant tokenism**

by Paul Turner

Outpost Alaska  
Wilderness my generation  
Hockey mom dirty hair  
Republican confection

Short arms mindset  
Restless Arizonan  
Sermonette did not vet  
Change the channel

Grand Old predicament

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## **Faith and Practice in Creationism and Science**

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Experiences with the Lord  
Experiments in biochemical trials  
Holy and material courses and conversions  
In school time, houses of worship, our homes  
Short shrift this mixing under common domes

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## **Not John McCain**

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Being a prisoner of war,  
Being a sufferer for a lost cause,  
Talking in complete sentences in a low voice  
About other war engagements.

Putting up a brave front for the current adventures,  
Being in tune with volunteer stepped-on soldiers,  
Envisioning Spartan options on a rich platform  
Are not sufficient to press the lever.

I will not vote for the man from Arizona.

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**Stand up, stand up, and fight**

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Stand up, stand up, and fight,  
old prisoner McCain declares.

Smacked up, dispossessed, frightened,  
and so we stare.

Rove and discover, be bushed with might.  
Scream in your dinghy, close-haul new paths,  
Avoid the conventional flight.

There were awed oaths on prison walls,  
many fights ago,  
scratched in the puckered light.