

## LONELINESS OF THE RIGHT FIELDER

*for Bob True, Girls Softball Coach, Edgewater, Colorado*

The right fielder reeks of more loneliness than the Maytag repairman

With time to discover a Euler brick whose space diagonal's also an integer

She can certainly prove that 10 is a solitary number

The right fielder knows why Coach has sentenced her to this

She cannot "keep her eye on the ball".

When the pitch barrels toward her, she swings too early or too late

When the fly lobs into her space, she holds up her mitt like a basin, cringes and hopes

She scratches/picks/watchesforclouds, relishing the rarity of the left-handed batter—

The lonely right fielder can solve even the paradox of the state of Schrodinger's Cat