In this week’s short poem for baseball season, Edward Rielly of Westbrook comments about the curveball, Walt Whitman, and American democracy.

Old Whitman Loved Baseball
by Edward J. Rielly

Old Whitman loved baseball, covered it
for Brooklyn newspapers, watched games
every chance he got, talked about it
endlessly to anyone who would listen
when he grew too old and ill to get about.

He never got over, though, the new curveball
and the deceit that went with it. Thought
it un-American, not the stuff of noble youth
or democracy. He must have seen what was coming.