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Man with a
cup. Man pulling
a wagon full
of canned Pepsi-Colas.
Man surveying
the heavens. Man being
aware of the vaunted
United Kingdom. Man
nicking his knee
with a hand-pulled
cross-cut saw
while his uncle's at
the other end.
Man declaring the
Scissortailed Flycatcher is
no longer Oklahoma's
state bird. (Man saying
the Caucasian Crow is.)
Man retreating from
water, from bones, stepping
on his own earth deep-rutted
from use. Man racing to
catch and pass a breeze
with coils of light wrapped
'round his knees,
and wins.