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## Sus-Pense

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Don't call it swine flu:  
if you dine on pork, you  
can't catch the flu, as we know.  
But the pork people say  
some customers may  
be confused by the name and just go.  
Now look at the news:  
around the world views  
show people with a mask on their face.  
Despite the name change,  
folks who find H1N1 strange  
still want to keep swine in their place.  
For me it is clear:  
I don't have the fear  
of swallowing bacon-wrapped figs.  
While others may hurry  
to wear masks, I don't worry.  
I really don't plan to kiss pigs.

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