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# Three Poems

### Jacqueline Winter Thomas

Notes on Unfinished Poems

The unearthed fragments of this fragment.

This — a sort of quotation.

You were turned slightly toward the century.

Paul Celan was obsessed with hair.

Memories, dreams, even worlds. Face a separate sphere.

The space of Time is sound. You understand: there is no time. No sound.

Not recollections but hallucinations.

These frozen, silent figures. Over which I wept.

To end with all the signs.

#### The Language of Things

After Benjamin's "Illuminations"

There is a log transformed by meaning into ash a pre-script and a post-script pre-fall and post-fall a parchment and a double writing which it covers

There is a chemist and an alchemist a name and the thing which precedes it and, after the sentence's flawed grammar comes a silence unrecoverable

The funeral pyre gives way to a flame and the flame has a life beyond

#### Lines after Becoming the Moon

(Jessie Benson, Beeswax & oil, 2014)

1 Everything dissolves—winter birds—the first flight, fully formed, wings rapidly becoming. I do not know the early sounds of shape, nor why the laws of entropy abide— I only know that everything once black will one day fade 2

To white, before they disappear, wings exist because they are not clouds. The winter birds ricochet the weather within them the sky beneath—their bodies declaring themselves only by their context

3

Learn to track the flock's migration, the greater constellatory spheres like cannulaea composing the smallest shapes: feather, claw, vertebrae

4 Moon, and after same as the last wing bent against the nameless water

5 This winnowed flight will end encaustic

6 No moon. No wing—

# Reprise

### Lital Khaikin

before the word that is given by knowing there is an old leaving dated by the thousand ways of a hand that clasps a fistful of blindness

to recall: Rephaim guarding

a seeing / in other sight came with a new skin meat in unmaking a body that forgot what a flesh is meant to be

the weight of matter in hands of men that were taught to break bone into bed [for]getting to bring a mind back wordless dripping from under a tongue in rapture

resonance of evening

certainty in air thickens element as though flesh may convince itself of world that is as though the weight of men would contain the madness

#### the temptation of Prokofiev and the fall

the world broke when men burned moons into wrists that screamed against surface

recurrence inherits at the opening of things the measure of memory is remade into the shape of its fragments diminishing in the gesture of Yoneda lemma

[in] judgement of sleeping language that is to be found in rotting fruit written under tendering surface mistranslated

the world will still—

in second return, Maitreya fallen to the ground to reconstruct the infinite.

# Elegie d'un (D)ay

### Claire Warren

Je dormais

à l'ombre

des rayons

lunaires

sous l'oeil

de Bételgueuse

une armée

des arbres

en présence

silencieuse

en équipée

sauvage

j'étendais

les mains

poissons blancs

amoureux

et cherchant

à écrire

je surpris

la lune

et un

compagnon

un verre plastique

luminescent

semblait en

recueillir quelques

choses

Mon corps me

démangeait \_

Il fallait

cet effort

d'écriture

en vu

de l'adresse

aux hommes

et de leur commerce

- je suis Wolof

avait dit le Sénegalais

\_\_ \_\_\_\_

- combien l'avez vous

payée\_ avait demandé le Français

La poéte posait

ses questions

j'assistais

au coucher

de lune

et à l'orée du jour

l'élégie des oiseaux

puis des insectes

Claire Warren, Baudinard, juin 2015

# NECTARIES

### Cody-Rose Clevidence

### []

nectaries :: has tempest :: o yellow o ovum & capsule :: u spaceship 2 the future :: Adonis I, mythic mightily, ring species a crown my hell-bent absence & litany

a luxury of form. cybersexual opus expanding, uncircumcised horizon "2 which rock crystals surrender"

but never will I // yield.

### []

androidogenesis :: ultra violet wing of metallic ions, my galaxy ocular lasso as finch chase finch & cache crude diatom :: pursue

the impure gonads of the first night; mock them.

my nonsense necklace foam

# []

globe || ransom || halter intermediary of need salivate, weep, whatever shuffle || coil || seed

# []

get dome u eyelash testicle :: flinch

### []

o nova. o blastocyst. o universe. o rimjob of th' hopeless sun moon of a blank stare, stare back.

barebackt in th' winter of my horizon mumbled something or something else 2 th wind.

[]

oh the silken internet is lingerie 2 earths vulgar apparatus

### []

anoint u of egret, dogwood violets teeth pharmacological heartthrob in the cellular matrix chemical raiment, chemosocial 2 th core o anoint u of daydream or verb megalodont, asterixs, (like midas but th opposite—) survive, what wld it

take & even,
w flourish
or w
caress—

this gibberish, look-

"ye mighty & despair"

is ish all like who cares

("not me")

# []

abt yr eyes: peel them.

u & all u touch is made of snot daffoldil of th sky n all

abt yr eyes: peel them & wash yr dirty mouth w snow

in being, be by being "fruitful, &, Multiplicitous "

shame // face of sun

I yield; I yield

# []

xtravagant finch is now

app thru 2 the constellations below my feet is now

the spinning world yields transparent

is beady in eyes & beak.

### []

roam, lucent cyborg : hungry eyed quartzite O lonely in hologram emblazoned mirror of form dense w weight & urge; my animal sleeps in the spinning eye of the universe; the milky gibberish flung thru the sky : seek

what sweetness deep—

# []

dude, the bounty around us dude, the unyielding earth.

### from Story

### Jennifer Firestone

This work is in conversation with Leslie Scalapino's *that they were at the beach* and tracks a "story" located at the beach that is both revealed and withheld. In many ways it's an investigation of narration and memory. I have created my own form in the book—a twist on the couplet.

It doesn't really matter as this is bound as fact.

"Laces the spine, tightly."

Not fact per se, but a trajectory that is filed as such.

"Frame catches wave catches frame."

He did say he was sorry when the seizure rapidly hit.

"Is that a phone, or hum?"

Solipsistic one's story paging panting to tell.

"Morning time, before beach time, they walk."

What a bastard this story spreading into the space.

"Before beach, a new couple shine."

The story understands the couple can be moved freely, advanced.

"His hat over one eye, she a coin purse."

There was a gray photo album with them smiling. There was the photo of the man who sold fish. There was the photo of her in a big hat. There was the photo of the quaint bungalow. There was a photo of fuchsia flowers. There was a photo of beach people. There was a photo of a shop. There was a photo of a coconut. There was a photo of a coconut. There was a photo of the tide. There was a photo of an animal. There was a photo of a postcard. When the body gesticulates as punctuation

"Half smile."

When landscape is used as emotion.

"Blue on top of blue = depth."

When language is structured to be excerpted.

"A cloud sinks into a white wave."

Memory believes it is active and operates with control.

"Sand talk."

Memory takes cues from the ego that desperately flails with its needs.

"Turn upside down, watch the sand drizzle."

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There are so many stories that any given day can be told.

"Bodies sat down and language delivers."

# from the blanchot variations

Colin Campbell Robinson

Let us share eternity make it transitory —Maurice Blanchot

These variations are part of a longer piece based on my reading of Maurice Blanchot's *The Writing of the Disaster*. The passages in italics are Blanchot's own words.

1. Say nothing, speak in order to say nothing; fail without fail, count on disarray, play; out play.

2. detached from everything including detachment

3. Excluding himself from creation he creates, but not as God.

4. Always poised at the point of abandonment or, rather, at the trembling edge.

5. *be patient a simple motto very demanding* 

- 6. A foreign night: live a time without present.
- 7. the silent rupture of the fragmentary
- 8. Is there passivity beyond disquietude?

9. Juggle the even with the uneven.

10. to speak the unknown

11. At table, illuminated by screens, all in another world not on this rain filled night.

12. Passivity interrupts reason and speech. Ask; what remains of experience?

13. Here not there, wherever there is or isn't. The place where everything is recorded for-ever, the eternity of the not-now, the ersatz now.

14. Giving up, abandoned, destroyed by 'preferring not to'.

15. A formless obsession with form; what comes into the mouth not what comes out. Lips massaged, satisfied by the final ashen taste.

16. speech that speaks without exercising any form of power

17. The impending catastrophe, surely not, prefer not to.

Faithless
 Spiritless
 Blank

19. Beauty: can it be said or only paid for?

20. Is the show convincing and on what level?

21. Are all stories available but forgotten?

22. Live a sabbatical existence, said Levinas. Pause, break from use or being used, or using. This is creation's rest.

23. Among the igneous out thrown, cooled by endless flows, the Celtic Sea calls.

24. Crystal suspension prays before the darkened horizon.

25. what remains without remains

26. Those who have gone are still here, standing in the wings, waiting for a cue.

27. Sadness can only be observed slowly.

28. For otherness is but the feeling of otherness rendered intuitive, or alterity visually represented, as Coleridge said all those romantic years ago.

29. All the bodies, all the expectations allowing those to serve the itch, the bite, always the right size, always purchase but no grip.

30. saying is no game

31. Looking at time, a diversion via the camp, unease spread. Even so, some giggled.

# 32. the interruption of the incessant

33. Future, past, both without present: destroyed, without destruction, invisible when seen, speaking the other voice, out of reach.

34. Why wound, exhaust, hound, spaniel at heel?

35. Exiled from experience, rescued from benign waves.

36. can the disaster be interrogated

# Advisory Poems (from *Introduction to Poetry* by Burton Raffle)

Sean Howard

Preface

Whatever else, *never* touch pebbles with gloves on!

#### 1. What Poetry Means

Definitions, explanations – *shooting stars*...

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For starters – *cliff-flowers* & *larks' eggs*  \*

Sure sign? The beautiful smart

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(Keats, enduring meaning!)

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High praise – haikudos

### 2. What Poetry Does: Metaphor

*Breakthrough* – prose, 'words for windows'

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Hamlet weighing – *Empire apples* 

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Wordsworth – *i*-*Cloud* 

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Paperweight – 'If you find the philosopher's stone...'

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Enough with 'Poetry'! cummings lowering his case

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Metaphor? 'Where the truth doth lie...' E·ratio  $22 \cdot 2016$ 

### 3. What Poetry Does: Other Tools

Eros – touching logic

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(syntacticians)

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'Honey?' *Showing the sleep in our eyes* 

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Joyce – pun gent

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'Delicacy' – deer, Olympus crocus...

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Eros – *coming to terms* 

### 4. The Shape of Poems

Evolution – form ever content?

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('Easy'? Beetles, *rolling stones...*)

\*

Modern – Grace full?

\*

(The poet's slow loaf...)

\*

Spray the couplet from the can – the puppet master of the man!

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Life & death – *dovetail* 

#### 5. Metrics and History

Shelley insisting – *poetry rules* 

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Chaucer – stressed silk \*

('Hazards' – endstopped; *feet* in mouth; overrun...)

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Silence – Wordsworth's thrush

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(*Jericho* – Blake's graffiti...)

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Modern ruler (Shelley's point) – *the Emperor's new prose* 

# *from* COLIN CLOUT IN THE KNOWLEDGE QUARTER: A SHEPHERD'S CALENDAR

### Dan Eltringham

I fucking love you months

— Jeff Hilson, In the Assarts

So having ended, he from the ground did rise, And after him uprose eke all the rest: All loth to part, but that the glooming skies Warnd them to draw their bleating flocks to rest.

- Edmund Spenser, Colin Clouts Come Home Againe

### I

Where mutability is the prime & principle of flux where re--construction is at work change is always loose & constant: temp--orary as blossom. When not in the knowledge quarter I am not on the steps of Regent's Canal. So much alteration going on revolves faster than the year flinging up lonely interior walls dreaming of the shelter of their own roofs and thermal cladding all before the first bud of untimely spring.

### Π

Sprung from unhomely weeds the insulated exo-membranes of the living machines add clout to my case for one day living in one. Under-floor heating is just the best way to spend your time magma welling up from the deep core & toasting your toes. When not in the knowledge quarter nor am I in Granary Square but I don't mind much in high winds & driving rains nor thought of such repose when it's hard enough just to turn the bars.

#### III

When the weather turns press hard down on the knowledge quarter & it splits lay--ered cupronickel parts of the Johnson sandwich. Why not allow us to manage your vacancy? As if in answer Shelley's sky--lark shot into my brain and out mine ear, a server serving whom? Hover a mouse over cursory zones of encouragement plucked from the reduced shrub margin by a passing hawk nearly zeroed in on its object: a lethal agent hunched furtively like someone at an ATM over precious digits.

### IV

Money as psychologically experienced hard round & finite in the pocket cannot ad--mit of distended growth from a single seed as rates soar & dive, a fish-fixed gannet. Or scurries away with the most generic of available verbs. Or about to stoop from the middle air with closing pinions it gives up & grows suddenly weary, it peels away like Zapata turning back from the capital though sure of victory, called south by the planting season. Mayday. Corn over history. And who's to say at the end of the day they chose wrong?

#### V

Election being anyway the wrong frame for such observance. Work on defining its borders and you miss the picture bigger than any given window. As Merino profits sent Columbus to Mexico. You can hear the italics rustle through the leaves here careering wildly down the track across the frame into Career Prospect View; but a view carries less weight than a visit, or a visit is an accumulation of views, a stack of picture-postcard prospects piled up in a forgotten corner of the search field.

### VI

On Yucatan earth I feel the axis tilt – the longest daystar rises through the stone arch. Back in the quarter I chuck it over my shoulder where it shatters asphalt crystalline shards surefire puncture of fondest hopes. New sward opens tree-lined canvas walks, banners wave in summer breeze. Yellow benches sprout, all quickens into something I can believe as pressure dives to storm-gauge. Remember then the three ways to be justified: left, centre & right; works, faith & election.

#### VII

Everyone's running it fine to those margins now, emergency faring at tether's end. Bare & boring August save us your modesties & hie ye to the fields & bring in the corn, weedy month. But don't fret: soon the historic Midland goods yard will be sensitively transformed into a food barn serving 'street' food, 'angry' fries, meats 'pulled' from an irate pig. A barn for stock & husbandry, feral carry-on/carry-out harvest of once-burnished metal. Only forebear that cant until you know what the surplus is and where it is.

### VIII

Sure that's eating but damn I just love using things up for example butter milk eggs and non-dairies too the best bit is throwing away the packaging, an ecstasy cycle of just the right amount. But look you don't always need to be putting stuff in, topping it up: an inadequate instrument it keeps going on till it doesn't two clocks in time ticking. Assume it's functioning fine nor fear of minor ills, feel ordinary pride in prosaic legislation, get half-drunk just for the ride home, break the spell & make the choice: time or money?

### IX

Willet plumped for saving both to finish off his round of golf basking still in daylight the year dislocated as it ever was Diminishing the Cost of Light, rationed stuff, solar disc antient instrument of time & times, the only real science. Good for tourism retail & sport, Daylight Slaving Time lets workers photosynthesise in leisure hours; in rural Chiapas little heed is paid to Standard Central Gulf Time: the calendar round nestles in the Long Count a squirrel's dray in the bole of an ancient oak burrowed out by any number of minor borers, branches barely sere.

## from SHADOW TIMES a work in progress

Paul A. Green

#### MODULES 1 - 10

I was dwelling in a rented moment. The concept of free association came to me on an asphalt playground in 1950. Golden manikins marched out of the radio. They banged their sticks in the grey street, which filled up with holes. Community care plans will only become available on demand. The sea mists offer protective covering. I tap out a wobbly fandango for those dreams of a fine bangaroo.

You were boxed in. I couldn't rewind the ropes. It's hot in the head, man. I was in and out of denial that entire year. The swelling of modules was recurrent in your middle years. Now I am represented by a piece of chewed cardboard, to help out Babe Jesus, whose name embarrassed me. The spider webs were waist-high in that wood. The toothy man wore a grey suit and told me about his thrill. I have a triple key encryption service for this.

We were a-he-ing and a-she-ing to the rumble of thunder balls. They tried lust but it was no good. I raised an animal on pure liquid gold. I can't connect yet to the time-belt. I bought a death but it wouldn't fit my circumstances. She is still pushed through the aqueous membrane that separates lost worlds. It wasn't yet an official joke policy. She smashed up a bottle of hoodoo wine. It was all over, over the top of a bottom, as they say. They were consummated daily in the name of goods and services.

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The trench warriors have been miniaturised many times over the decades. The Father warned us about dinosaur stories. They got down in the ferns, and found a sleeper. Foul smells. She danced across that bridge in a cloud of steam. Achtung, fraulein! Someone had chalked about their desire for 'Sabrina' *(sic)*. I flew through the rain over the twinkling suburbs. You retro-engineered your childhood for this? Hands wandered like spiders in a moonscape.

They saw no commercial application for his appliance. His TV licenced slaughter through laughter. People in the next room were reciting parts of *The Daily Mail*. Woodsmoke refreshes the secret parts. In the hiss of night, foxes yelped at each other. Anybody got a new angle on the patriarchy? Our neurons fought like cosmic worms. Half a pint and you're anybody's but nobody wants you. The bird overshadowed him, demanded its space and fatter food. Nanotechs won't rebuild anyone anytime now.

He repeated that sex was fairy gold. Inwardly I was hiding from the inevitable ripeness of death. Outside the circle, the creatures rumbled on iron wheels. I lay back in the leather chair, overwhelmed by a huge wad of foul-smelling damp fabric. As the gondola picked up speed I began to bray. He'd traded all his tricks for a cloud of dust. I like my vintage sexmachinery. I am contacting the ninth sphere.

Sunlight spills over the keyboard. A world full of oil - and fools. The future wouldn't stop twisting the night away. We all come out of the woodwork sooner or later. Munchkins of death surround you. The glass won't stop trembling. Feel the blood pressure, feel good. Welcome to my bungalow. It's the last night of the bums.

Over their heads, they heard a thick gurgle in the pipework. That night a creeping laziness prevented me from organising my parts of speech. Astral leakage? I recognise it by the odour. A silvery bullet was lodged in his corpus calleosum. She could hardly get out of the chair without a faint cry. It was a person of gender. When he looked again, the phlogiston had all disappeared. Just wobble along like a good chap.

The woods are alive with insects. The sight of the removal van terrified him. Finally Katie was paraded through the atrium to venomous applause. That man smells of old money. So many friends reduced to ash. Yet I stand before you, penetrated by cosmic radiation. State-Specific Sciences will salve your soul. The ministers are seeking my job again. No time for the bubbling of fools.

Thanks for accepting me. Let's go back to the Moon. So I am so wired up and down. He fuck around all day, so they tell me. The storyline was drawn out of him with cries of agony. Five cards were spread across the burning deck. His face was a mass of molecules. We are going to pay the full price of our good intentions. The operative tells us we're all through here.

# Dominant culture is fucking boring an/aesthetic

Joey Frances

bcuz domination is fucking boring

I'm trying to construct full desiring subjectivities it hurts like before digital radio I can't

This couple across from me on the bus talked sluggish and scattergun who uses that brothel just students messing a sauna used to cater for yknow people curry night out

> Unlike many corporate businesses we have a strict dress down policy a cool office with a putting green even beers in the fridge I fucking hate you confront me with your inner life

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aesthetic of work wedding receptions on coal canals aesthetic of suffering & sadness, or the thing aesthetic of resistance #makeitright aesthetic of the collective aesthetic of aesthetic of hanging & hoping our love can build on its own aesthetic of our love aesthetic of funk, or the funk, etc imagine liking Glenn Miller

\*

Be a symbol Be a symbol Be A Symbol

& I thought about them fucking & wondered how they liked to do it and if it made them feel useful & whole

\*

aesthetic of making together of plant pot of what i want to know is authentic of aesthetic of god lol the aesthetic world of arthur brown aesthetic of self contained unit shifter of nothing material unequally distributed aesthetic

\*

#### ... the people who control shit are boring pricks

On the grass by the Sagrada Familia a young woman takes a photo of a polaroid

> that leer across the bus shelter when i'm only trying to get quietly home

\*

aesthetic of tarmac aesthetic of topiary

crushed petals top soil

astro turf

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#### I was looking for a Job and then I found a Job

yesterday I called it a monument to the projection of the individual ego and I hated it (turns out he really believed that serve the Lord shit, bread, fruit, tree o life, the snake is only a husk of doves, projections all together)

I can't stand we don't think towers to the human mind are daggers the rich consciousness is a pig too paupers poor

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aesthetic of ecstasy

smiley face

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#### & I cried insufficiently

Radica lise ,ur friends & lovers s)isters brothers /ur fathe'rs mothers colleagues comrades customers & Others I feel alone

# Two Poems

### Carleen Tibbetts

#### schizolingue

an erasure of Paul de Man's "Intentional Structure of the Romantic Language," 1960

the poet's loyalty toward language is the downfall of poetic defiance

#### one hardly ever escapes attractions of existence

an erasure of Louis Zukofsky's "A Statement for Poetry," 1958

poetry may be defined as whoever makes it has envied

its fineness of intricacies keeps a world tangible

perhaps poetry is dimensions in space true or not ritual and pleasure feast

so-called pure music (which incidentally poems never reach) that permits anybody to "tune in" to the human tradition one hardly ever escapes

no verse is "free" inevitably words falsify attractions of existence a poem should never be inflicted on the reader

# Four Poems

#### John M. Bennett

#### olin again

each inhabitation corners laundry in your ear a "brain" or laptop sizzles in your pants' each faucet gurgling with the time your coat is due the time your ants retreat behind the picture frame each pencilled congrat ulation's wandered off each loudness convects its microphone before your eye a swelling leg a tampon remembered at the railroad crossing was your dream of shovels falling in the closets

#### the spider

p eel the sciss ors if yr g ate sand wich opens toward the beach in flames if if was off the face a tow el doubled in the flooded closet is a shredded phonebook full of millipedes is the mumbling neck tastes the blades the hand roams into the of br each finds your if name finds your off name ff inds yr nname

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#### a comer

mute fork rel umbered coil you slumbered off the sausage sweat a spinal knife your sack regurged a fork de pended ,was meatlithic ,sprayed and said ,intonsiled ,re aped the short stay beneath yr earth's a tongue desertion, w hat a something glit tered in the greasy mirror was it the tines your book re moved ,your ti...?

...la saturation, nous garantirons, lisant, la validation du signal... — Georges Perec

#### heard insomnia's dream

we the after ham uffer in our quest's poison ants can s peak on t ray of thought or thought the tabled sky de flected in yr quiv ering pool was hafted words and fro thing in the cave ah tombs relabyrinthine mouths the ran dom moth laurel sp lashed the mirror yr gaze beginning clouds became and turned it off the maze becalmed was blank "a kind of" swarm infusion in the statue shrouded vines and batshit

enter the sidewalks were wind and sand humping a rotten head next the weeds the hypos french fry bags empty white bottles

. . . . .

Rustling through Ivan Argüelles' Epilogue to Translation to Heaven

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### Jared Chipkin

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#### Not A 'Poem'

Either

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''Either 'A' or not 'A'
Either 'Either' or not 'Either'
Either 'A' or not 'A'
Either 'or' or not 'or'
Either 'A' or not 'A'
Either 'not' or not 'not'
Either 'A' or not 'A'
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or not

```
'Either 'A' or not 'A'
Either 'or' or not 'or'
Either 'A' or not 'A'
Either 'not' or not 'not'
Either 'A' or not 'A'
```

or not

#### P is for Patrilineal

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tuh'!
    e-heheh
    e-heheheh
    o-hohoho
    o-hohoho
    for
    is
P is for Poetuh &
    P(a) >
      [M(a)(y) >
      [M(a)(p)] >
      [M(a)(p) =
      P(a)(p) =
      M(a)(p)]]]
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S For Success
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S For Success

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S(0)S(0) was a racehorse
S(S(0))S(S(0)) was S(0) S(S(0))
S(0)S(0) won S(0) race
S(S(0))S(S(0)) won S(0) S(S(0))
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S(0) For Vun

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S(0)S(0) was a racehorse
S(S(0))S(S(0)) was S(0) S(S(0))
S(0)S(0) S(0) S(0) race
S(S(0))S(S(0)) S(0) S(0) S(S(0))
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T For Racehorse

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T(S(0)S(0))
T(S(S(0))S(S(0)))
S(0)S(0) S(0) S(0) race
S(S(0))S(S(0)) S(0) S(0) S(S(0))
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O For Condition

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T (S (0) S (0) )
T (S (S (0) ) S (S (0) ) )
O (S (0) S (0) S (0) S (0) )
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# Kuhn's Nude, Duchamp's Paradigm

### Mark Young

There are passages of time that redefine the way we see the world. No one particular moment, though somewhere within must be a turning point. Rather action / reaction, in a frame by frame process, an incremental transition, much as in that painting by Duchamp where the nude descends a staircase, step by step, each step depicted, each bringing with it all the ones before.

# Three Poems

Matina L. Stamatakis

Trompe-l'œil 1.1

I could be pigeon or prophet

macula

learn'd in its tender

meat [yet no memory] meat in prayers and catastrophic deluge so the holy-holy pulsating in its thrall

palmed omnipotent

pools dark into light pools of shimmering teeth 'gainst a red existence sure its unbuckling conviction to trick itself into mind

unwavering fractal

choirs of birds lost in their own feathers O' fragmented quarrelsome heads O' critics of specters grave in their eelflesh

### Trompe l'œil 2.0

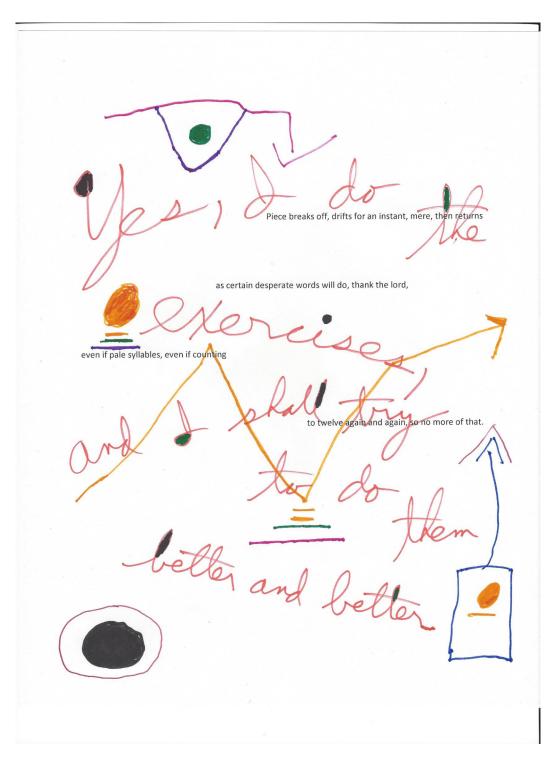
excruciating decoy of atonal pulse I move you to another melody-lack of malignancy

the palatable becomes less palatable raws itself in the thick of the retina In memory of no memory O' squandered is the macular

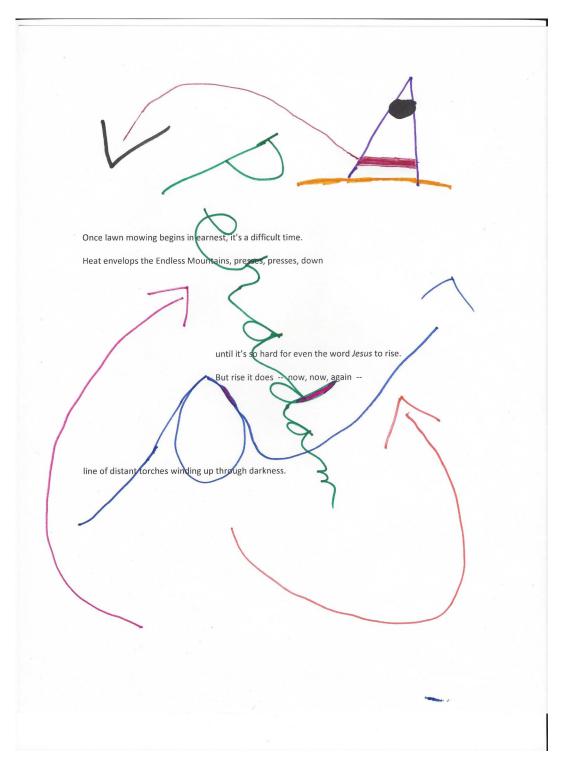
impulse of shadows in my palm the dove is angular and oblique with the moon ) O' mask I still find the contours slack made of glass less fluid it is not itself by appearances

# from a sequence entitled Heaveng

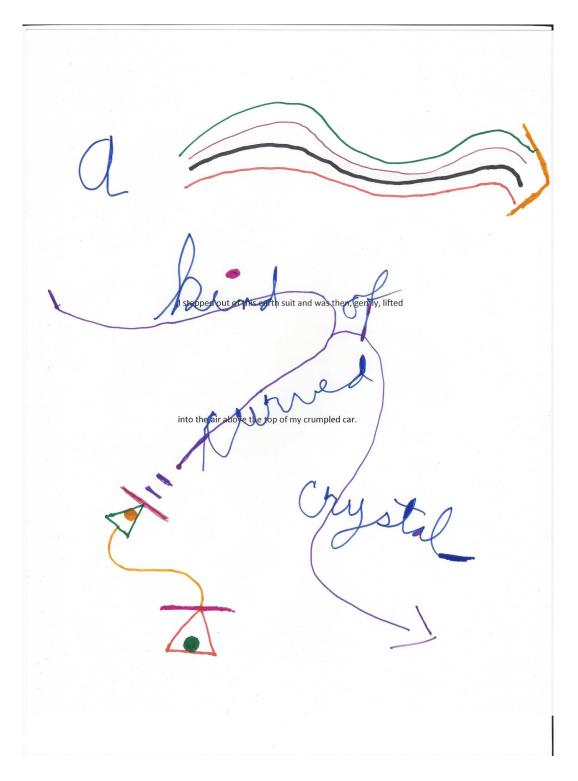
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Heaveng 11

# Non-Image

Ren Adams

I am suddenly aware of everything left behind hotel crinkle-cup, blue jacket on bus, silver charm in cemetery, bag of hobo recipes, bowie knives and hats, cassette tape roller coaster, a ticket-shot-necklace dream, arms locked, the passing, intimate space the passing, personal movement, of place between place.

I don't know what's next.

That endless catastrophe of words the sadness of image each gesture, each form, exists as image—a record of eventual loss.

Such a ridiculous thing, this fondness-

portal to ruin.

# Three Poems

### Parker Tettleton

Like A Weighing Area

When things are pretty, I want to destroy. I tell Noelle Noelle-things; she's a coworker & this is the second sentence & I've only slept as much as I'm allowed to sleep when I miss—I miss again, but I pick up, I hear from the you I miss—I flick light switches sitting in front of fans. The graceful thing is cell phones last longer. I don't want to ever say you're up again.

### Button

I have a thing for kissing people's brains. When I was eleven or so years past the beginning of myself, I watched James Bond & mouthed pillows in hotel rooms. I was most attracted to belly buttons. I check out the last people, a mother & a daughter, five after four, which is to say we were closed five minutes ago. I'm waiting on the 12, Alee's waiting on the 20. We're talking about our lives—no, we're not talking about anything, which is on purpose, which is coworker to coworker, & I know there's a bus in five minutes to take me closer to my apartment, to tomorrow, to you.

### Goodell

I look up, awake, slowly & intentionally never, not gracefully—grace is searching for itself, not on a cobbled step in some fever dream tower there is a blink. R calls & says he & R will be here in ten minutes. I am in the bathroom, I am in the kitchen, I am switching cans. Houston does the splits. I almost help them but I don't. BB King is dead. This is about falling apart.

# Two Weeks in a Dristan Land

### Bill Yarrow

when I washed up alone on the wounded shore of the blistered isle

I smelled the bleach of burst anemones the sweet arousal of the Dungeness crabs the seaweed of sour twigs and feces

I saw debutante goddesses abashing their swains for what hadn't come to pass

I felt the uncanny glee of the solitary palm the dilatory curiosity of the air the aloofness of the chimerical trees

I heard dolphins and swans, aligned against integrity, conspire to humble the thunder and co-opt the sunshine

I tasted hostility in the meanest weed a cynical longevity in the beach fleas and swamp bees a flash of happiness in the bold symmetry of the island flag and resolved in my lately vacant heart to replace Othello's handkerchief to repent spurning Cleopatra the queen and to restore the itching eyes of Gloucester

# No Soliciting

### Deb Jannerson

we propel ourselves onto graveled corners, cheap pens pocketed in hopes of the conscience of strangers.

hours tick freeze blur with the full-pocket hundreds shaking heads, crinkling one dollar bills at the odds of shooting stars or lightning.

you're doing good they say, and we marionette smiles at the vain alchemy of turning morale into gold.

the sun is a hugging madman, volatile as the blue shade of the crowd's politically pungent sponge. clocks scream our sunset, our release into two hundred steps to the hybrid, a million times as long.

you did good i say, and swoon with the heady rush of activism, unless it's just the bullfrog tang in my lower eyelids.

# The Hour

### Jennifer MacBain-Stephens

The hour refuses to pose for the camera. The hour was drenched by a Garland of Roses.

The hour was prepping to stud. The jockey sits with his legs crossed,

drinks a cup of tea. The tea grows cold too quickly.

(It whinnies at this, the hour.) The hour is in the stable

with a stop watch strapped to its back,

prepping for the most exciting two minutes in sports. It is really the best place for the hour,

it doesn't have personal belongings. Keeping up with the cleaning

was the end of the hour. All the suitors are women. They have the lightest caresses the hour ever felt. The hour

barely feels its second hand. The hour nibbles an apple core

from each gloved palm. This makes the hour's day.

The hour is a stallion at day, a colt by night.

Sometimes a sun dial or a goat stirs up drama. The hour couldn't ask for a better time honored tradition really.

It's the memories, though, that get to the hour.

It can't make them fast enough.

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## sinkhole

## JJ Rowan

i.

when he says to get on the floor and you don't think toward force maybe gravity but of an intimacy which opens your body to the stale power of assumption how to explain to fuckwit how your power might be passed between rough palms how complex to form the nasal and the vowel (how the mechanics go here) what is the history of the negative in what languages might it also signify a positive how a woman with a breathy no really fucking wants it

in Steubenville things are returning to normal the families would like to resume a normal life the sorry boys are being sorry the media is being sorry what it is to be sixteen and still in existence this is no time to be quiet all I can muster is quiet I had a lot of time on my hands after I apologized *I just sat here waiting* & waiting & waiting quietly to think who might access a body as it sleeps how ugly are fingers

there is a sinkhole on Lincoln I'd like to go see maybe to stand in modern offering for a cracked-open earth what earth wouldn't crack open? what could swallow me more than this? I can't tell the difference now between dreaming the dream and waking simply with the pit of the dream at least once daily to check for familiar cars weighing the value of one more visit to record make/model and tags I check Fourth sometimes also check behind me as I walk home for slow-moving vehicles the one truck like his but not his often in the lot but in the dream there are no cars he walks in and shoots me at my desk or he walks in and we walk out we speak quietly in the lot and he shoots me or occasionally we argue in the lot and he shoots himself but not often I wonder if any change in geography would change the dream / the waking dream in the forest we talk about minimal distance nothing you say in the forest can ever hurt you and everything you say in the forest belongs to the trees so just leave it

<u>ii</u>.

a sex offender registry in fossil records. how to embed a crime in marrow. an offense that involves entering an unwanted object into a space and a punishment which does the same. a ritual where the bones of the expired offenders are marked with fire. expired or otherwise. marrow that boils guilty. if marrow would sear true. a record that looses all other records. a sex offender grading scale. when you accomplish, you accomplish under offense. when you are a star, you are a star under offense. your offense burns out your star. stardust doesn't mean magic has arrived. stardust means something has entered your body which can never unenter. your body opens, is open, to hazard. weak body. bad body. body unstable. body on scale of normal to. your anonymous body is all over the internet. the internet will know who you are. cares not to know. soon your body will be a memory embedded only in cache. soon your body in the halls with the other bodies. where you once passed the bodies that would place themselves in your body. how to dismember a body without removing anything. how human an unconscious body can or can not be. how humanity becomes anatomy becomes a cellular telephone. how lucky that information sharing can inform the holes in your evening. in your evening body. your body which can't remember the tilt of the sky. how many can witness / how many can tell. so when we burn your bones it will be illogical. it will make us wince. we will breathe you so we can spit you out. that you dare stand up anywhere. that you dare motivate. that you forget / that you are afforded. that you should be sixteen and normal. is normal. is touching. is entering uninvited. normal is shameful. normal will invite you into its halls to be stared at in a pity way but also in the way where you are unfamiliar broken wicked / that your wickedness is contagious / that your brokenness is contagious / that your brokenness is ugly and that ugliness ought be put away

# Hymn and Palinode

Sarah B. Boyle

i.

The beautiful boy is an ache in my teeth pressing in every startling direction Smooth and ghostly and unceasing his whole body shimmering in the leaflight a mistake welcoming and begetting beauty

Concussion of sunshine the first flash of desire striking breaking apart before the strange eyes of sundown The boy made plain The boy feels the loss festers

ii.

The nightingale sings the contagion of beauty My milk face dazzles you And you submit beneath my silver palm The small bird makes greetings from another world

My tiny heart-shaped<br/>bereft and newbornheart<br/>The boy is<br/>The boy is<br/>the sudden<br/>the sudden<br/>the suddenbrain<br/>the brain<br/>the boy is<br/>the sudden<br/>the suddenbreathsThe sudden<br/>red<br/>luminous andmissing

iii.

The endless weight electrified arcing arching breaking the glittering sword dance given green pliancy and hundreds of pink particularities

Human knobthe tool he holdsA slap so lowa legion ofimperfect wishes to remainforever in themind of beautyarise and shatteron the stones

iv.

I was under it or staring down at it woven into its face its torso of wonder open and cupped rapt and risen up a great army of pain and awe washed with brine and three times queenly

An awful smellbranching lurchingin the interruptedinstantAn underground gardenterrestrial andcasting downabrasive in hisdevastating lapI whip and cutthe night to stripes

v.

The boy made beautiful horse desire severe arranged in full force Lifting out from his center out in out in out in in A devastating moment I turn away from the sweet honeysuckle the sweet william the horseboy

Flower to fig to rot	We break
fall to our knees	Behold
our violent	trembling
longing	through the lessening

# five sonnets from The Rapture of Eddy Daemon

Daniel Y. Harris

## X-Peri 5.0

Eddy's minions mark th-5period—*ife*, a *forWurn* of anic root *da*. Dr. Abyssjumper, I presume, sub to the threshold of a pastry coque? Hola Wassily, are you the Sode? No, Kemosabe, only a (bi) Epi of Sode is here to bear witness to th-5period. Me, you putrefaction, me? I'm just *torted*. Eddy's gut is lick not tort. *C'est de moi qu'il s'agit dans ce portrait*. One months later, X-Peri devours th-5p. Dead are the rating scales. Dead are confessions. Dead is the place of was. Lives R. Mutt aroused by Rrose Sélavy, five she-puns of lust, sucking on cubes of sugar and marble. Sepiidae, my pet, drain my mania to oops. Eddy depends on you, or the leather jackets of his ur-sexed destroyer.

### Bunjie 5.1

Now, a *Commedia all'improviso* of Eddy "Bunjie" Daemon and his kilowattage specs—kitchen-rigged shivs with the b/bells of the stock detachable Punch, grossly exaggerated as A.c/K jongleurs with a beak nose. Knee-slap his acromegaly, d/R.essed in black with rasp and swazzle. No tantrums, mate, of facial isometrics. Carry around macaroni, wooden spoons and peaked hats in your manpurse. He squirm zanni. He publics the raw, unalloyed, agendaless kindness. Click on the lowered center of gravity, back arched, knees bent, toes pointed. Then re/Vide—hY.phenate. Elbows, ladies, arms half lifted like a zanni jubilant. Dear Bunjie, take a sonnet or gut the *intox* of *cated*. We of pancreatitis-flare, keep the *burlas* of Q.Judy.

## Orb 5.2

Eddy weds the Ir/weD.ded Irene of Thessaloniki. Licinius couples the core of a cold-fusion ring. The Father broken in pieces, reassembles as a lithioid. St. Seraphim of Sarov begs the dramaturgy. Penelope's beauty is hydrocephalic in heavy rinds of ancient flesh. She is trampled by horses, wifi laced behind her head. Suffer the dread miracle, the atrophic neck of divine heads. Thousands convert. Graves are found emptied of gravestones. She never died. Come on down and ad-lib the cachectic. She does little to settle into sulcus. Why would she, when the creator's right hand is stained? Ed.D.y's a Facebook like in Saint Irene. She's a somnambulist in the 4th century of 2015. An idol father lives again in the blurred ellipse of subways, raised back to life by the *aptize rayer*. Fantods chant as she walks up.

### Pook 5.3

Gloria in *excelsis deo*, doxo of angels, has overturned the hat. A handsome zombie as a Nosferatu hottie? It picks a noir of *idiotici*. The card's lyric *te duem*, now relives as *phos*. Caper less than expect living to serve and dissect. Frustum-shaped? No, just a *vetus*, hearing the leaking of lysergics. I love the elongated babble. I, the She of Goof, stand cradling the broom of *terra pax*. Hear the sung rubric, spirit free to projectile vomit the less-than-easy submitted down-double of no reprieve. How about those lented votives of confession? Write the prepare. These caulked Paragons of Insincere. Yes, because a party is a awake to dangle vivids. She press an Eddy Common. She rather prefer to all-include. No, to balk vacuums. Yes, to u.BiNgE ego's real goodbye.

## Te./po 5.4

Eddy hums the teppered beauty pageant, the *rayonnant* of rose windows—he the *bellitas*, he the Bunjie Jumper of the Abyss. He.bellus—he, the hair style of M.EtIc.S. His skin is almond, lily, cumin—the honeyed lime soap of male lipstick. Eddy wanders in femme. Golden ratios become taut with iodine and bromide. Drama aims for virility, the virility of the su.Bl.im/e—soft, licked: make her ache for the last M.an. The index and thumb of here charisma, skin smooth, overlaid with the waist-hip ratio. Hourglass figures are poles abutting pubis and breasts. These eye-corners of climax—these flexing pectorals: mO.re/Ye.t to.Com.E for Eddy's divine us. Susanna.l. ot.U/s as Susan of Inshushinak from the root <code>ww</code>, bean of *nucifera*, lakebed and water garden, humming *ower*.

# from "dium"

## Irene Koronas

the following 3 poems are from a manuscript entitled "dium." a collaboration with the poets Gloria Mindock and Daniel Y. Harris. our poems are individual but play off each others scat, word play, post human poetry. I use lower case and rely on the readers breath for line break and punctuation. I use some punctuation as an indication of an influence. my poems are a reaction to what is often an expectation of what a poem is

#### abstract

in contemporary landscapes human interaction characterizes pervasive mediation with intelligent agents who advance computer science and engineering phenomena once limited to fixed locations are metamorphosing from extraneous entities to implicit components of everyday computing power simultaneously enhanced and miniaturized for contemporary consumer devices demonstrate power equivalent to or greater than a personal computer from recent memory at the same time network connectivity has proliferated to ubiquitous levels reflected in the fact that inanimate objects connected to the internet have recently surpassed human population on earth digitally mediated experiences are thus no longer provincal fixed line terminals projecting virtual avatars of oneself into synthetic environments elements of that environment are extricated and placed into the physical domain in this landscape concepts augment reality has emerged as a way to visualize pervasive virtual information woven into physical environments however research on phenomenon largely remains technical in nature our role in society remains comparative

#### augment flash reactions

x-tre-me angles par-vision sub-jects vertiginous plato booth lovers co-in-side osmosis pretensions round up lasso rear end rump roast rallies we are lamb chop profundity wearing chicken shot balloon ballroom fat whips up camera ready fantasy on surreal creative expeditions giddy up pubic hair phrases photo-shopped mirror minor mirages barrage intentional beauty meaning without meaning without meaning we step over serbia what intention dismisses cake frosting covers private parts shoved out front images at an angle fishnet storks chock on plastic lines repeat lines 3 or 7 sugar cube art-less-a-rt-ar-t-l-ass poetry de-construction site chaucer wearing rub-her suit wolf-gang lickers up family traits eddy can jump rope at least eddy can bunjie jump at x-tre-me angles

### delightful lunatics

an outcome playing in slow motion night rotates 50 altered states 50 ways to spank lunatics hollow years grind secrets while virgins shuffle marathon sex after open heart surgery people talk about sneak peek playgrounds as if unified universal want becomes fruit skins thrown into compost rotten anxiety riddles condoms for wooly mammoth for cheese slices and hard cherry candy for inclusion he writes for poor muses on the upper ward floors macho tight jean with orange hair he jerks off on paper madness raisin's his oatmeal he says beans are nasty string theory plastic funny farm possibility material traps with cleaver success he couldn't avoid being part shaman cook he cuts his arms he cuts open books for fuel for hard work blisters squashed by electric shock

# from "The Gilded Age of Kickstarters"

Eileen R. Tabios

### There Were An Alligator and A Duck

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haven't been undead for long still getting used to it so please forgive my clumsy typing

let me introduce myself: an "office zombie" rather than the marauding variety

member of the Zombie-Living Alliance (ZLA) the peaceful arm of the undead rights movement

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a means for the world, living and undead, covering all gender identities, racial and class backgrounds to discuss relations and hopefully bring a peaceful end to the present conflict

together we can produce a better world than the living alone are able to muster

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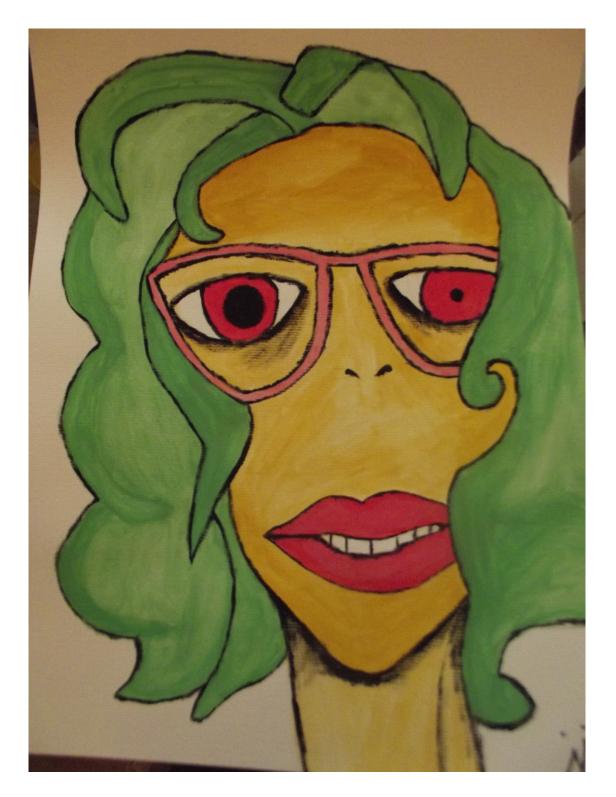
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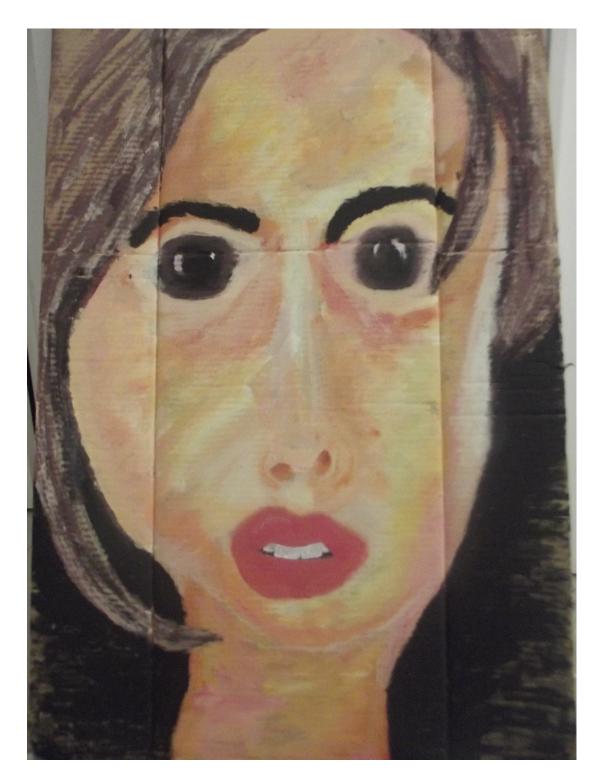
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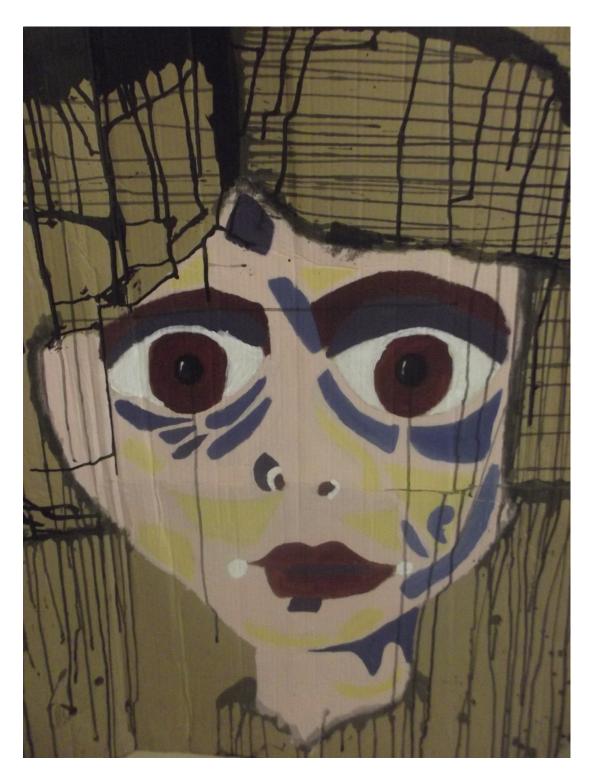
"in dreams we're acid"



"non-binary"



"a study of noses"



"(un)blessed in buenos aires"



"rouge & rojo; a study of flesh"



"if i had married pablo picasso"



"birth on a lake"

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#20. *The Aha Moment* by Márton Koppány. Visual poetry. "These works are minimalist by design, but should we paraphrase the thought channeled therein, the effect would be encyclopedic, ranging through philosophy, psychology, politics, and the human emotions."

#19. *Sanzona Girls* by David Chikhladze. Haiku and haikai 2004 – 2014. "... the spring / to tame / to beat about the source ..."

#18. *44 Resurrections* by Eileen R. Tabios. Poetry. "I forgot truth is disembodied. / I forgot the spine bent willingly for a stranger's whip."

#17. *The Monumental Potential of Donkeys* by David Berridge. Poetry. ". . . would you / bleed / vowels / indignantly // operatically . . . "

#16. *Hungarian LangArt* by Márton Koppány. Visual poetry. "These works are minimalist by design, but should we paraphrase the thought channeled therein, the effect would be encyclopedic, ranging through philosophy, psychology, politics, and the human emotions."

#15. *light in a black scar* by Jake Berry. Poetry. "Leave them lie / and they will rise / into an impotent cloud / and piss / the backward flood . . . "

#14. *blossoms from nothing* by Travis Cebula. Poetry. "... morning is a time / of hard lines / petals and soil. / feathers and sky."

#13. An Extended Environment with Metrical and/or Dimensional Properties by Anne Gorrick. Poetry. "... an innovative contemporary torsion / a lacquering adventure / constructed of extraordinarily beautiful notes / mixed from a futuristic painting ..."

#12. *Beginning to End and other alphabet poems* by Alan Halsey. Poems and poetic sequences. With art by Alan Halsey. "Poussin's Passion, or The Poison Trees of Arcadia: The Fate of the Counterfactual."

#11. *Paul de Man and the Cornell Demaniacs* by Jack Foley. Essay, recollection. "I studied with de Man in the early 1960s at Cornell University. The de Man of that time was different from the de Man you are aware of. . . . Despite his interest in Heidegger, the central issue for the de Man of this period was 'inwardness' — what he called, citing Rousseau, 'conscience de soi,' self consciousness."

#10. *The Galloping Man and five other poems* by Gregory Vincent St. Thomasino. "... how does / a body know, here is a hand, and here, is a sentence / or, / what's riding on hearts ..."

#9. *Prosaic Suburban Commercial* by Keith Higginbotham. Two poetic sequences. "... bathe deep in / the barely-there / disassembled gallery / of the everyday ..."

#8. *Polylogue* by Carey Scott Wilkerson. Poems. "... with rules and constitutive games, / with paints and gramarye / with some modicum / of my reckless trust ..."

#7. *Bashō's Phonebook*. 30 translations by Travis Macdonald. The great Japanese haiku poet Matsuo Bashō goes digital. Conceptual poetry. With translator's notes.

#6. *Correspondance (a sketchbook)* by Joseph F. Keppler. Digital art. With an introduction by Joseph F. Keppler.

#5. *Six Comets Are Coming* by Gregory Vincent St. Thomasino. Volume I of the collected works including *Go* and *Go Mirrored*, with revised introductions, corrected text and restored original font.

#4. *The Logoclasody Manifesto*. Gregory Vincent St. Thomasino on logoclasody, logoclastics, eidetics and pannarrativity. Addenda include the *Crash Course in Logoclastics, Concrete to Eidetic* (on visual poetry) and *On Mathematical Poetry*.

#3. *Waves* by Márton Koppány. Visual poetry. "These works are minimalist by design, but should we paraphrase the thought channeled therein, the effect would be encyclopedic, ranging through philosophy, psychology, politics, and the human emotions."

#2. *Mending My Black Sweater and other poems* by Mary Ann Sullivan. Poems of making conscious, of acceptance and of self-remembering, and of personal responsibility.

#1. Gregory Vincent St. Thomasino joins John M. Bennett *In the Bennett Tree*. Collaborative poems, images, an introduction and a full-length critical essay pay homage to American poet John M. Bennett.

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