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Zinnes

SACK CLOTH

(for my father)

"I am drowning in the wind,"
the blind man said
opening his sack of tricks.
Out flew a silver thorn
tipped with tern's wings
to prick the day he could not see.

"Time past is a pool of silt and sighs," the blind man said as he trod mire.
"The wind is mud I cannot breathe.
Now is a vortex: in its eye,
filled with omens, a vacuum
sucks and forges at the sky.

"I shall be drowning then as now,"
the blind man said,
"deaf to the daylight, numb to thorns.
Wings shall fail me, and the wind
blow from darkness into dark.
Tricks to sustain me, bag and bone,

"as I lie drowning in the wind,"
the blind man said
touching the silver thorn.
The moon blew dimly on the night;
owls went hugely in and out
where the fabric was rent and losing light.

QUIET HOUSE

Her hand blue veined goes reaching for the light there by the stairwell Her stockings hang like a second skin from her narrow calves and up she goes up she goes into the thin light of the old house upstairs to bed among the spiders and the moonlit chairs the love seats made of shadow

And Uncle
John follows The book in his hand has leaves
brown as the elm's its cover is of moss
his trousers blow in the draft as though they
were filled with nothing more than webs silence
in his eyes as he reads the forgetful words
of throats spoken long into dust In at
the window the owl asks and asks and the
swift answers from the chimney at the fall
the water wonders through the millwheel down
to the river then out to sea

while all
these things their voices saying silence now
and again silence ask when and if and
where life has come to pass out of this house
tables spindle legged standing in corners
the carpets worn to threads The night a choir
of stars goes walking through the halls

THE GARDEN OF ODD SEED In the garden of odd seed no weeds grow—or, if they do grow wild, row on row, green—stemmed and flowered between the scattered blossoms of good plant and miniver herb furrowed and furbelowed, the broad beetles snub them.

They crawl black, the beetling things, their mandibles sawing among the leaves, leaving their speckled spoor where they go.

I care for them all-weed and beetle, poor old plant, my trowel and hoe alive in the soil, singing, the sun drumming upon stone, rain in the patch, the wind quickening the nettle. In this vein the blood comes quick to water the salt silica, the lichen greying the green moss, and everything springing, springing—seedling and shoot finding foothold in the world's dark bones.

THE CALL OF THE SPRUCE

The call of the spruce condemns the owl, the bat goes mad. In the wild wood the mouse listens with its tail, cones flex, swallow all scent save that of the moon dimming among mallow and foxfire.

Why, in that nursery of roots, will the dark thing burrow, the dark borrow space for a hiding den, a home for echoes?

Let them go hollow, go mad—those wings stung by the needles of night. The wind prays piercing in a black cassock, but it will pass and only the dawn need follow

THE NAMES OF PLACES Dramorgan, Drumjargon, the names of places, the people in those places, eyes and toes, the houses of the streets and the trees walking the curbs--faces of shrubs, ears of the lilac listening to the night come purple over the lawns and alleys.

And when the moon arises, screels into the sky to touch up darkness: the flesh wound in the sheets of their beds, arms and noses touching the dim smell of earth wheeling, wheeling in some barrow among forests and coils of water, stars sailing the whirlpool. Dream sucking you down. Go slowly—dream sucks you down and kisses you, and you sleep wherever.

SCENE FROM A WINDOW

Let's go clockwise, top right pane on down, then up again the left side:

Blue, nothing but sky-morning blue, and a curled twig
skirling out of center;

More blue, but growing lighter now; and the stubend of a branch, a stick crooking a little, sticking a black finger into the sky. There must be a tree somewhere.

And more, but turning into haze grey halfway down. At the bottom a filigree of upper branches: they seem to be attempting buds or some such.

Two thin elms. Hills beyond them, fields and a white hillhouse. Windrows filled with snow—the rest hay stubble, then woods, then the elms and the green roof of a brick house. And in here a radiator schussing, its serrations cutting up the parking lot.

Left-over: a truck, street lamp, street, snow on a bank eroding to ice-brown; more soiled snow in front of a frame, gray-shingled, bannistered and red-roofed neighbor. Back of that, through a mist of limbs, a silo, white, with its white barn and cottage. But mostly the grey trunk of a poplar right outside, harrying upward.

Still the poplar playing shadow games now with the haze and a flock of sparrows.

Nothing but sky and a hedgefull of winter branches, the trunk splitting along the left edge, one-half disappearing.

Blue. A few twigs. The tree will stop soon after the window tops out, but not before a swallow climbs up the still air, straw in its beak, and another dives down through the whole glass.

THE VISIT OF THE DOGE There is the cell of a celibate, somewhere back of the mind, in which a golden cage swings, and in it, in the cage, a bird of paradise sings like wind moving among the boughs of a ridge

of evergreens. The Doge is expected at any moment. Let him judge between the two: the silent friar who tends song with seed,

or the song itself. Reed is scattered on the tiles, and the sky strikes an oblong flood of blue light through grey stone. Magisterial

robes, black and red, shall settle in the pool of light and listen as the cassock tells, by example, of silence and its vows. Then both,

without moving, shall watch as cloth of gold is woven by the aureate beak of the wind's creature. A withe of song shall bind them against speech—both friar and magistrate.

HARRIET ZINNES BLUE SHIRT AND PORTIERES

He hides behind the portieres bending down as if in whispers. He is afraid.

The talk goes on.
The amber glasses are shadows on the floor.
The faces of the ladies pale in powder pouting into amber are enemies.

Will they see him hiding looking looking hiding?

His suit becomes him. His tie tells just enough to an observer to enable him to move unnoticed and befriended.

His shirt is dark blue.
It is a boast:
"I hide here -- behind the portieres.
Come find me as I whisper to my enemies."

COLLECTED POEMS OF ROLFE HUMPHRIES---\$6.95 MODERN HINDI POETRY, ed. by Vidya Niwas Misra Indiana U Press, Bloomington, Indiana

LARRY over water EIGNER change by the minute we must have missed tiny and unfamiliar the sign the edged and in lighthouse storms Landscapes between windows may the land fitting together lap over lap boughs hills caught such little variety bottom along the sky is a whole motion moment walls behind paper clouds as usual a distance rides up and down separate on my mountain heights the confusion of directions small matter horizons are lines the sun or absence of it or starlight on ancient camps sound appears disappears east to west island of air the sea rises a plane

yawn

as fish to animal nan healthy birds

from the maples fall

around through the wind

on the light road meaning as of leaves

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LARRY EIGNER

Sound and beat swell
funnel of space
dragged in earth
planes eddy, the shaking
cold, fish jump the horizon

slats factory colors
we realize a finish
 there is a tower a
 vast dome
 a dining car there
 a sliding seats
 sloped down
 the girders truckload of stationwagons
a few benches at the sea

or hens crated

traffic island

the oak starlight glimmering with flowers sometimes the sea does turn warmer

the gulf of ears engraved

from everywhere the dawning ends of the world

mist of quiet
up to the clouds blind
another hot day
industry, suits off
in Yiddish roll up the sleeves
after the cemetery

window over american toy plastic, inc ink

the night developed

the car

with stars at marine supplies the bridge lifts for craft clearing water

the choppy seas, continuing
here they've made it
the billboards don't peel
there are years now gulls
or lights on their edges the dining places are fine

they buy their fish

70 feet away and the brick school is quiet with its lawn and stone corners, a street at the side LARRY EIGNER
EIGNER GABLE

The sun and stars part of the world a rain

glazed roof you look out

clouds
about the shape of yesterday
insubstantial

coast
aisle
even after snow, in the cold

where you find them

any animal grown roots

the

sky exchange of its lids evening bald plungers

baying depths of the land submerged

a queer

underground
suffacing
towards dead inchoate
fish damp snake

reeds climb
slope
swum by an illusion of a waterfall

borne in

to the country grains

the wave crag permeated life slamming up

the imagination is in the mouth oceans tide

unceasing continual pitches hospitals the eye sweeps

far out

how much of the earth

LARRY EIGNER

destruction the sky that people see it breaks the tracers of rain scintillations are not frail hours hiding the porpoise of day sweeping the grass banks of windows green the air where the birds sing thickened and wet

wood

LIFE scatters its lessons

run off between the abstract

palpable

every park has branches

mingling a different light such patches to the eye

meaning a vane
straightened to the wind
rattles like leaves

we put it there
well
now let it pass
having some guide

John Haines

VICTIMS

The knife that makes long scars in the flesh lays bare the bones -

pale trees in the forest of blood where the birds of life and death endlessly weave their nests with straws of anguish.

There, the hunter and his quarry...

Parting the branches, the doomed animal chokes on his own breath, and sees, as in a red mist, his own dripping carcass.

LOUIS Z. HAMMER

I stand under the necks of lovely women

In a City

I am eating fire and oil The women bend quickly

To pick up the grain in the streets

I see matches and slippers
Scattered along the blocks
I kick a stone into the gutter
I listen for the snort of the buses

I am happy in a city without prayers.

ENCOUNTER

November strikes me across the mouth,
I clutch dry stalks and nettles between my teeth,
I have to think of motors;
Goldenrod, dead on the stalk,
Has not kept its promises:
A man with hollow eyes walks by
Talking to a man with bony hands.

BILL KNOTT UNFINISHED POEM, UNFINISHED LIFE, LEFT UP IN THE AIR

During the night a great branch grew in through the open window at my feet And now sweeps, 3 feet above me, to the head of the bed. The whole length of my living body

--In one breath?--it overcame, came over, last night.

I put my arms and legs up around the big branch and spring and laugh and sky.

So I sleep with the branch hanging in over me the rest of my life, Women fling their arms and legs up around it and sing and weep then fall on me with wild cries,

Its leaves will fill the bed someday.

POEM

A death to mirror life. Singing. The samaritan leaves of fall. The handmedown colors of fall. In spite of everything, A death to mirror life!

BILL KNOTT

POEM TO A DROWNED GIRL

When the marrow broke through your eyes, the sea burned a living profile into my side, a face that bitterly denies you.

In the densest solitudes (that were the deepest part of the sea until you came: now, wherever you are is deepest)
There are big fish who inhale their own light.

The moon is the caul of your mad sea. And the grieving starfish at my ribs is not a sign that you are to rise.

POEM TO A GIRL DEAD AT 20

The grass, flowers and trees are twenty years younger since your death; you lie among. You loved this green bank: Lay a pure white cloth on the waters that they may remember your sorrow. Your reflection is blown out by the carrion-cry of the wind. I wander the shadows, burned into the sky, of your voice, your eyes, your kiss.

POEM

Light fills up the fruit and keeps on rising, to fill up grief. Dawn bites the sun upon which day lies lost and burnt to a shadow. And your face, beyond all this. Bitter to me, as everything rises and still the sky with its beacon of ashes looks for that day.

POEM

Rigor Mortis walks the streets/its coat tattered, face pensive.

My eyelids close on your nipples, enclosing them.

When we wake —

The only thing Bill Knott would like us to mention in his biographical note, is that he would like to meet women of all ages... Apt. 18, 2122 N. Lincoln, Chicago, Illinois.

BILL KNOTT

POEM: ANOTHER VERSION OF DEATH

Going to sleep, I cross my hands on my chest when I'm dead they will place them like this, it will look like I'm flying into myself with my arms like this, last weight on the heart.

It's terrifyingly right the hands lie here.
(as if the cross were being crucified upon the body.)

I think we fix them like this out of some old hope they will be a shield, or will defend.

The hands will heavier than wings, than words, than earth, than bodies I try to embrace with an embrace final as this one nailed into me.

Your shadow leaps down from the sun to Hold its happy half your cheek swells towards The unsheared blood of summer ting

Ling morning awake your kisses play at sleep

Apronlapfuls of green ripples picked From their first kiss fragrant voice Crowned slumberess of days your Body is a dance that rhymes the four

Winds

NOVEMBER (light, short days: dark fiery sunsets) to Quasimodo

GRETA

A small bird hops about in branches, a blue high toss, the sound is lost. Winter begins to burn up all the light.

And in no time,
it's evening.
The boy gazes to the west
as if all the fire-engines in the world were
streaking there....

AUTUMN: TO NAOMI

Give birth to a grave. Now let your nipples bite into fruit and bitter cold: autumn. The cup that knelt to summer, flames tipped with flesh. --All the warrior days long to lie in your nut arms, and to go to sleep in their sons...

POEM

To open your trembling as though it were a bud.

Your dreams love and understand mine.

STANWOOD K. BOLTON, Jr.

LIBERTY IS A MAIDEN

Her youth was a mistrial.

She,
a lover of her own undress
with mascara and midnight
her only protection against god,
ran down twirling steps
down, down past doors
and the janitor
found her among his mops.
He carried this spent spirit
up to its room again
and placed its shallow breath
upon a yellow sheet
with love.

A white curtain of justice billowed from draughts of east winds seeping out of an ugly scullery. All doors here have numbers, only keys block peepholes and a bent hairpin will do.

Let her sleep.
No one will violate
the white worn wood
of her tortured threshold.
We may try to kiss her
briefly
at a party
believing her to be drunk,
but when the dancing starts
most will draw back
and take their own daughters
into the night.

LOVE IS A MARCH DAY

The oak jiggles brown paper on wicks which have held fire.
Wire wind coils scentless arcs to the sky and evening grosbeaks talk yellow dawns at gray snow blown into huddles of dry shadows.
Instinctive love is frozen silence cracking the air.
There are no drums in the barrenness of scratching after seeds to extract warmth from that brief leaf-bare sunflower. But March gropes in and a low sun becomes a partridge in a pine tree.

Jr. is an adjuster for an industrial fire insurance company, reports that a swallow-tailed kite spent two weeks in New Hampshire this spring. Poems are scheduled for Midwest Q., Fiddlehead (Dept of Eng, U of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B.-\$2 a yr), and Colorado Q. Has been in Mutiny, American Weave, Beloit, and University Review.

STANWOOD K. BOLTON, Jr.

JUNE WITHOUT TRAVEL

I.
Candia and a winged lion
prove that Crete
was once and end
to a canal of infinities,
of small Saint Marks
touching skies to the sea.
This coin is mine
and I am in Acton.

My son speaks no english, he is younger than talking, unsharing in reason and yet his demands are exotic untempered by life and Candia might be a star over Acton to him.

TT. There is a squatter on Harvard Road who dreams of stars but finds the nights quite ordinary. Two old cars rust on blocks and once a week he walks for food. Constellations. three cats. a Greek grammar, a subscription to the Atlantic Monthly and a house made from scraps of tin, old blinds and a cigar box for the birds all echo Thoreau. The owners of this land are permissive and stop by for conversation when an afternoon is already half lost. I too was late for dinner.

III. A dark girl with a spiral dress of checkered east and west chats amiably in the supermarket. I understand that all the foods I buy come from every continent I learned in school: there is much romance to a lima bean. Before I ask my neighbor if her mother came from Winnetka, I will plant a garden and dig in the earth a little.

While today's spaces are being discussed by today's diplomats, I rejoice because here in Acton is the only short-billed marsh wren in Massachusetts.

Gene Fowler

HIDE AND SEEK

"And be ye not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is the good and the acceptable and perfect will of God"

i can make a bottle into thousands of tiny crystals

and those crystals with a sweep of my arm into a milky way of swirling star clusters

and when that world is done

why

i'll make another

DIALOG

i whistle and the wind answers

cold and harsh across my spine slim siren

calling me into night

Charles Newland IS THIS PART OF IT?

your dollface of childhood broken

i too have climbed the stairways

to sit among the relics

is this part of it?

that we can no longer hunch together

backs against the wind

and what a wind! shredding the city

of the heart

the trees doubled

in real enough pain what a wind!

hey crazy ragman

dragging my maddened love by her long

long & flowing blackened hair

hey!

i feel the moon

still pursed

float over my eye

forgotten my lips

feel the owl breathe on my neck

i hear

my tune

old women laughing

the pounding

of bare young feet on tamped earth

willows crying

but my laughter dissolves the street i fade into a window

socningly enough

ice forms my face

is this part of it?

one eye bent into a killer's claw

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Belief

The snows which fall like sharp white marbles Tomorrow will be gone; The trees which sleep so barren now Tomorrow will be green and gold.

The man and woman search to find the road, They search and believe. Tomorrow are the snows of crooked peace, And you cannot get lost on the crooked mile, Until you begin.

Conference on Thoreau

In the smoke stifling room
There was organized talk about Thoreau.
One speaker cut off his thumbs,
Another nailed his ears to his toes;
And so they distilled him into a neat ball
And rolled him under the rug for another year.

And going their peanut ways, Not one looked back to see The bursting sparks and shooting dust That rocketed skyward.

Directions For Installment Buying

Sign your name distinct on the buyer's contract And take two left at soap sun turn And walk to soda pop lane, But why walk at all when anyone can ride.

Then ride down sun dust street
And take three turns right at broken nose,
And one flight down to double cross promise;

Then stop at moon mountain bridge And sign your name clear Across the weak bridge of illegible signatures.

What is Laziness?

Is it breaking the patterns that should be broken By stopping the crazy clocks?
Is it not wanting to come to work, now or never?

Or sitting in the street drain
Watching small rivers of rain
In the perfect solitude of the second,
Defying the next door neighbor
Who calls his wife to see the loony locoweed
Sitting in the rain;

Or is it watching slim rockets That shoot into space With the ease of leaping snakes?

Franklin W. Hamilton

Youth Remembered

In the square corner of my remembered youth,
Two times eight plus four equals the season of
Eating pickled watermelon and running cartwheel races.
Now twenty times two plus time
Rushes quickly through the feast
But the dark dogs and grey shadows do not chase me now
And even though my poor lost love tries
The memory no longer quiets the cry of my heart.

Fred Wolven Easter Rose

"It is neither spring nor summer; it is Always" --Theodore Roethke Time and space disappear. Snow blankets the filth of barren sand-A filament over a grave. "When I am undone" I'll linger,
Until then, "I'm one to follow." The lily brought Gay visions which pierce that dread; There is "Such quiet under the small leaves!" Morbid, dull decay is a Vehicle of spite, yet--"The Right Thing happens to the happy man." Thundering storms passed Across angry-clouded skies, Warnings are never accepted as proper caution. Stoop to pluck the thorn from my sandal; Rise-up, elevate yourself, and remove A spike out of my marrow. Shortly dew replaces One speckled cloth: "How slowly pleasure dies!" Entombed, released, vanished; "Lord. . . From me to Thee's a long and terrible way." Moses cursed them, But Luther said"No!" "Do we move toward God, or merely another direction?" Tomorrow, His day, restore Our sight; bind-up those wounds; "Oh, to be something else, yet still to be!" "Being, not doing, is my first joy."

Eda Casciani

ORIOLE

Blacken are my days nights without song the dog's throat went dry since you came in with the dead oriole in your shaking hand

than followed it

HARVEY TUCKER

deep in my brain a bell rings

deep in my brain a bell rings; a tower topples, and dust conquers all.

the children of my youth hobble across silent screens pulling the night behind them.

roses bleed themselves into an absence of color. the false emptiness of fragrences clogs the windows.

there is no place to go.

deep in my brain men with dull lanterns stalk the night searching for one star above all others.

they will not find it; there is no place to go.

all that remains, remains, remains, and still remains. the night ticks away and the tower falls.

a bell rings and dust conquers all.

somehow in this dark silence

somehow in this dark silence a blue fly perched on my soul.

the signs we cannot understand come back to haunt us.

with torn fingers we crossed our hearts.

there was a voice.

a rush of wind against my ears. and then winter reappeared in the shape of a blue fly.

it danced in my brain and shouted

kill me! kill me!

ROGER SAULS

today's morning and night seem like yesterday's

it had a minute around noon the size of now

Poem

when it stopped always there

and together they tick along

the oozing afternoon (slow and dreadful

their pace, their feet sliding over me

JAMES HAZARD

A HERO UNDER PLASTIC

They opened the old brown hotel until it disappeared!

The colors and flowers of the inside walls were ancient their first day in the light of day.

Dust, the color of rust,

covered the weathergreen hero, a soldier of war with Spain. Dust settled on his hand that held the plugged weapon, on his blank eyes.

He's at attention under a plastic sheet right now in the basement of the new firehouse. Come spring they'll stand him on a stone in the park.

PETER WILD ----- the amorist

I loved you in a midnight river of blood where puppies bruised their noses against screen doors, searching down dark hallways for a combination.

As pilotless boats
oared themselves along
swifter than the current,
and dumb rocking horses rocked
through a pleurisy of stars
in unintentional mockery...

Two satanic eyes
which burnt among the rocks and cactus
with the anxiety of a hungry mouse,
to coax a shoot

from petrified stumps

which were never green...

Those happy horses looked down glassy-eyed and eager to please, while I fumbled fat-fingered at the lock, not willing to admit

my watery limbs could only add salt to your shriveled heart.

ALVARO CARDONA-HINE

PULLEYS OF WANT AND WISDOM

it took place anywhere
the beginning was everywhere
in shapeless columns
and withered turnips
in tenderness carried in sauce pans
excuse me
I don't know how to say it
pus and deaf-mutes were hinted at
in gigantic abbreviations
everything
the brute sarcophagus
your laughter
blue cushions
an orange in the moonlight

the world spills out of your wife's belly the roar is shut in the lion's cage you look up and you look down and you are dizzy steep profound is life and you smile nobody knows when

I am lifting a rose
I am lowering a body to the grave
if nothing else
the passage was free
a few nuns in the chapel of the horizon
think well of the slug and pray
at dawn a cricket tucks his violin
under the arm of sleep

QUATRAINS

the sea the beer the sperm the vomit

the flash the glare the light the moment

the pine the child the mermaid the sonata

the mouth the belly the anthill the volcano

LITTLE BREATH OF THE MANGER

cliff and loud clay barbed wire and cows like steeples on the toppling meadows

the hills rise with child warm ovens of rock apricots in the river stir without sugar

in the mansion of fauns the sexual crossroad a vegetation houses the vacuum of flesh

moss little snail dunk your green head in the water lick the foam of her lion's paw

the wind strums the occupied hammock pines of the north augur the journey's hidden step

Jehovah be happy that father with mother now fathers me with you

the heavens are wounded by salvoes of light in bunches of loquats the sweet living music ALVARO CARDONA-HINE

the city is an overwrought violin an abandoned year

eddies of ghosts

MEXTCO

swirl in odd corners of the heart

the bubble of my life has floated up to the rooftops where girls and bougainvilleas braid their common trees

any moment an iron railing might snap

the gills of a cloud fan the forehead of my dreams

I perch on air

literally

my pockets are green zeppelins

caverns of hope

my fingertips ache with music

a fox in those hills has eaten more

there is a lone passage for locomotives on the orchestral page of the railroad yards

HARVEY TUCKER

THE MYSTIC ATE SALAMI

the mystic ate salami and drank cold root beer from the bottle.

we are entering a phase: he said.

the iron stars clapped against each other and broke into small silences.

maria the whore fell in the gutter and died.

the little spanish children danced round her bleached head and wept purple violets all over her closed eyes.

i too wept from my window

and hearing his word

Alvaro Cardona Hine appears in KAYAK 4

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ALVARO CARDONA-HINE

AMENDMENTS TO A VISION OF RADIANCE

they	the	they	the
took	olā ·	argued	children
the	Massachusetts	and	of
little	poet	said	the
Negro	at	that	cross-eyed
boy	the	all	plumber
and	birth	the	and
the	of	rocks	the
little	his	would	children
Negro	dilemma	have	of
girl	confessed	to	his
and	to		
walked		go	wife
them	me that	but	are
		no	one
a	he	one	and
great	feared	lifted	the
distance	a	a _	same
in	mankind	single	flesh
the	of	one	and
sun	dirty	because	likewise
while	greys	what	because
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same flesh GERARD MALANGA

as told to Andy Warhol

SLOPING OFF

The last climbers stowed their ropes and left
Early in October. The ski track leads
To a chalet; the tracks of a deer lead nowhere.
As they breathe the cold clean air,
Something less sticky than blood
Begins to move in their veins.

They point their skis downhill Believing as they always do that they Have forgotten how to use them. The slopes stream away behind: Monte Rosa, the Wildspitz, Grand Sassiere.

ALVARO CARDONA-HINE

THE OUIJA BOARD

TO THE SEXTON

where he alone controls the furnaces and waves the chimneys the drop on flight there will the women burn drown as in ocean children float screaming down a shaft of smoke cliffs withhold their wing

an octopus of flame will embrace them and waters octagonal profound and silence and hard-pressed substances and the attendant hush and somebody's dust a millenium of it

and tons of belching fish of cetaceans miles of sewers and their voracious worms all maddened by lock-jaw driven by purulent eyelids will tentatively emerge out of that armpit issue forth out of its twelfe-elevens and travel the chiropodist mile to heaven with aprentice monster skill audible mandible yes my blond spelunkers with a daub of night a glass of perpetrated oil

and these shall proceed to rule lightly eternally with a feather only the madmen will steal away on luminous planks only the suicides will tiptoe across the explicit earth we'll let the merchant sleep beside the wife a stale champagne of dreams aquiver in his open mouth

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-- William Butler Yeats

Retour a L'Envoyeur

for John Palmer

I stand beside the green signpost to be lost Among the words on the white page in "the brown book". And emerging from sunlight in buildings They can be children now, As the suicide's letter remains on the desk.

The lake is a stone's throw from my hand. He pretends not to know. He is nineteen-years old. We could swim thousands of miles At dawn through the weeds.

When his anxiety could not be coped with, We stopped beside the boathouse. Now he is concerned only with keys. Was the headache a key? And what about the headache?

He went slowly into the ditch. After three years this month, Wednesday, at 12:50 A.M. I have far to go to Reach of what words his ears are full.

THE HYPHONATED FAMILY / A SONNET

Nothing disturbs so much as the logic of music: Going far enough the waves that navigate the boat; All my looks astride the way those Ford girls bend in the wind Shield their hair funneling behind them in a biography of grass. It is quiet her among "the international set" in the afternoon of this arm Pit it was this pit that got caught between my teeth.

"He was dying. And he was my son", the fire Man said. Then the life insurance got caught in the air Shaft. By this the grace of the body is not qualified nor well Done. The flowers are painted in black by friendships. This is the will of an approaching member not to be touched: The irridescence of oil on the surface of water, the canned rations, the drift Wood. But now the chair is being pushed under the table. There was not time for that at this far place in the night.

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GERARD MALANGA

SVENGALI

for Bibbe

The balloon rose Into the frigid air Strike. Now we can make some decisions Dreams of snow The sound the car makes in its turn On the road Bed that day we woke This indicates miles to be ahead There were sags in his dream Land and the flowers returned Subsequently all is brought to a sneeze The dim vacation, though this gives Way the offer to wait but we don't Reducing the strength to commitment If my exit is summer The aberant means to do more Now we can come and meet as we are Pulled down into the squint marked "foolish". "The admiration of demonic beauty is not envy,

The brother-in-whatever
LOVES humanity at that distance
Chet Huntley provides."

from The Katz Lectures

Daniel Patrick Cassidy, Jr.

THE CONFISCATION OF BEHAVIOR

for Nico

The car is turning As carefully as a road turns. I expect everything about the bird is insincere. My name means "rock", "spear". Where no house or building Numbers are shown, the entire street Or avenue is delivered from the postal zone Number indicated. The idea of necessitating But one reference. This is imperative. This is qualified. What I am Saying is that it is my own condition That is challenged: the eagerness and joy To be different, accomodating the new Year's affirming restlessness, the specific Gravity of the calm and lucid distress. 'I want to know why I keep committing the surface With a direction in my hands. What of the new realism and this everlasting summer Which hevertheless will eventually end? Are these "contact" photos historically a part of myself? This is a book of social arrangement in cross references Indicated by present names under the head of the family. I am thinking about all the beautiful people. I am leaving in a rainstorm by limousine. It is the reality of being here: Ardsley, Morristown, Piping Rock.

Chaim Mendelson

BELLA

Dying

the fatal fat proved fugitive

the skin economical

a buried beauty

Living

a creaky staircase to the third floor

a box of chocolates a brokendown sofa

the redbound Harvard Classics rotting unread

a hospital bed ingeniously jiggling

so precious little being of all that gross becoming

doug blazek
INQUEST INTO BILL WANTLING

even though i didn't hammer any tacks into your flesh i did manage to saw off one of your limbs just for a curious peek at the paper streamers & confetti that dive-bomb through your blood stream & oh, boy, i think i got my hands moist with your life but i can't seem to cram my fingers far enough within my mouth. maybe my lips shrunk with awe & my tongue dried up from not saying anything?

or was everything said through the eye?

Ed Stone

A SMUGGLED LETTER TO MY BROTHER

I live in an asylum
where conscience is forbidden
our fat keepers
are ourselves
so they treat us well
at feeding time
our troughs are full
we lack nothing essential
and if we never complain
and make our own beds
and march in formation
to perform assigned chores
our keepers allow us
to murder our children

Ed Stone

NEWSREEL

All you folks there marching for love hold still don't move we ask you to bear with us freeze in your position it's an art to compose frames advertising mad mob scenes and we ask request in the name of better box office your loyal cooperation.

has had poems in Perspective, Wormwood, and Grande Ronde. Others are forthcoming in Cardinal Poetry Quarterly, Dust, and The Goodly Co.....From American Poet Press, 1341 Canyon R. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-\$1: Jean Rosenbaum's ARISE SOLOMON......From Ole/Mimeo Press, 449 S. Center, Bensenville, Ill. 60106: Charles Bukowski's Confessions of a Man Insane Enough to Live With Beasts-\$1.00

Harold Briggs

Whodunit

Foot prints,

half goat,

half man,

the usual picnic litter: a bunch of withered grapes beside a broken flute

mute bacchanal

for maggots.

Between the trees

birds and mice

dancing

round a battered pedestal,

their footsteps

soft as kisses

on the grass;

an idiot wind

whipping the helpless leaves

about my legs;

icile- fingers on my neck:

presence of death.

Armed with switchblade-thorns

a crowd of bushes

threatened me.

An old tree

moaned, (familiar name I thought)

crashed at my feet,

kicking dust in my eyes;

a spider s web

clung to my sweaty hands,

the dying sun

spilled its blood on me.

Logic failed,

I waited for an omen,

dizzy,

out of breath,

I stumbled on the body.

A callous moon

pointed to the cracked skull,

the classic smile intact.

O abandoned bride of horror who carved LONG LIVE VENUS on this too perfect thigh half hidden in a cloak of moss, one numb-white breast

tempting my hand

to warm it back to life.

I buried her in haste

too stunned

to whistle off the mandrake

watching me.

The moon fled across the terrace.

Richard JAWORSKI

> A MACHINE AGED APE

The pink artists
dance in sunset halls
 of wet glittering ruby
deep in ear
 of eager ape
 cigar in mouth
 sitting in a stereo truck
snarling over blind nuns

thrown into traffic apple jam

in the night of the throat
of a howling lion racing
to the line of a free star
burning blue toes of a hunchback
in Peru who lisps with the snails
of old time and much regard
for let me die for let me die.

MOOD HIGH

With sunleaves in the soft wind
we flew cloud wings
over the car lots various
and the ambitious steaming factories
pushing their barrels of dollars
to the feet of a gasoline pump
hand on whiskey
and smoking cigar.

In the shadow of your lion*s teeth
we wrestledrnaked on
the green hops of gowned bats
with paint brushes streaking light
in skims on the rusty rims of moody pots
held by heart of silent shops mooning
for a marrow of tomorrow,
let them cry.

It was our poem foaming at the toes
bursting on a red football jaw
carried by fire alarm schools -street knives late into the night cake -the squirrel firemen watering fright white acorns
on fat faces lost in the bells,
the cardinal ruby laughing in the nest of owls of oak words,
let them sky.

DARRELL L. GRAY

EVENING STRUCTURE

for

Don Rowland

The water tower is alone, standing against the evening with nothing to say.

It has been there, in the fire, for many years, unable to give any reasons—denying that the wind will take it to heaven. I stand at the base and look up into the shadows; the beams that support a tank as dry as a whisper.

Inside,

tiny skeletons try to find out where they are.

CHARLES EDWARD EATON

THE DORY

When they pushed the dory on the shore, the beautiful, resolute reach
Of motion out of the sea, that exact, determined placing Raised the force of being human to its highest pitch.

There was the pull-back and then the tremendous curving-over When the sea, resigned or bested for a moment, Reconsidered whether it was at heart a better aggressor or a lover.

In any case, their mood was neither ruffian nor mild— They had used the very arching gesture of the sea And cradled the heavy craft with the care one uses with a child.

Elements of a scuffle were no doubt part of the affair, But the purpose was impetuously exalted, As though some white-browed goddess, expelled from heaven, required an altar.

What else should we expect from one ambiguous day?——
I do not know of anything more eloquent of permanence
Than a white boat, placed for a moment out of reach, in this
devoted way.

I, for one, hope the goddess they love deserves their best.
Our cults are far too many for the beholder to know them
fully,

But we found our faith, in part, on hints of something missed.

TIGER, TIGER....

Peter Moor

Patrol duty in the Jungle: Fought the great leaves of strange, stifling vegetation, stubborn like iron and ebony, copper sweating poison-green oxide....

Forelegs stretched forward, the Tiger, sitting on a granite rock, loomed high above me. He was big as a mountain, eclipsing the Sun; his eyes severe, curious and hard as the granite he occupied. A great Sphinx, beautiful and all-powerful, he filled the space all-devouring. Too, something official was about him.... My hands paralized, the automatic dropped with the feeble sound of a toy gun. I couldn't take my eyes off him, off his sparkling, clear, orginstic, innocent eyes full of unalterable laws and I knew this was the positive end. the only positivum left in life, this enormous negation. He was the dynamic lethal poison invested with the irrevocable power of destruction: the one and only positiveness in life. The innocent, relentless beautiful eyes meant the end. The end of the Sun-things, past-positive. The end of the Sun-things -though his eyes had been woven of the Sun, his severe olympian eyes....the Sphinx....

All the Sun flew out of my veins and it left only a dark groove, and corrupt corrugated emptiness, a slimy husk discarded perhaps by some venomous snake; an underground groove billions of light-years distant from the Sun....

It was now pitch-dark. Where is the Sun? The Sun-blood of my proud veins?....reduced now to a brittle empty husk....naught....the neutral silence of Limbo....

I was whispering to the bright-burning Tiger, the mighty Sphinx, the olympian beauty. He was listening with some curiosity.

"Tiger, tiger....Great Tiger, Supreme Judge, you must not do that to me unless your yellow stripes were fashioned after the Sun. Prince of Death or Prince of Sun, I too have merits, you know. I knew this and that....That out of the heat of this World, preserved by the living, were born subtle poetry and symphonies, the awareness of the calculus and electronics.... and I kissed the wondrous subtle beauty of her eyes, shy and humane, innocent yet challenging and cryptic. It was the Sun all-over. And the Sun was in my veins. And I devoured her eyes that were smiling on the threshold of eternity, on the threshold of knowledge....And the puzzle of being was about to surrender to me....By the skin of my teeth, really.....
Such moments were within reach of my fingers....And almost, almost...."

Here I came to....My comrades lifting the Tiger away from my body. Poor tiger....gone his terrifying beauty; a bleeding carcass, careless, clumsy weight of dead thing; the stained, deflated fur, Sunless. It didn't belong. A casual object. My compassion oozed out for the tiger whose splendor had been dethroned. Iwas sorry for all things, tiger, man and Olympus. I was faint with lethal weakness. Prostrate within the brittle corrugated groove. And all things became so ridiculously small and thin now, propped up by foolish little toothpicks....

This humiliating weakness....How can I face....How can I cope with the....Isn't this where I came in?....The perennial stalemate....Tiger, tiger, burnt-out tiger! Your brilliant teeth could have made Sun-stuff of me. Via your Glorious Metabolism. But you loused up my romance with the Prince of Death....

Gosh, how tired one can be. There will be the season of election days and Saigon; the Congo and Cyprus; there will be Birch societies, the built-in obsolences and the democlean nuclear disease; the limitless Red Tape in whose labyrinth the Earth's children develop asthma; to be sure the eyes of women promising the ultimate solution; Nature's charming demagogy....Then all sorts of greater and lesser pains: the revolt of your own disloyal body. Are we the hosts or guests of our bodies?....

....very cold now....My awful weakness trembles in the standstill of mocking stalemate....Bloodless, Sunless....
Mother will you knit a few Sunrays for the winters of my eternity?

ANDREW CURRY

EXEGESIS

the world is always already there constituting mind's engagement in that world/consciousness,

never naked, is the invulnerable vehicle/

green leaves reflect green Winter sun, undulating ships in the bay, and silently greying children

in no thought embracing

the whole of thought's expression/

your body hides in its dress
while we go wondering if
we are not
the mystery of this

world and its prelogical waters -- O. VAGINULA EJULATIONA

JIM BOYLE

canvas music

a wet blue
flung wide and spansive
centers attention
on a lone olive guitar
with a black and yellow bird
claws clutched

to the strings bobbing, singing

DAISY ALDAN CHRISTMAS

The Moon made a double circle around itself, and one a Rainbow, and small clouds gave luminous forms to its rays. Overhead the trees arced black elbows. Twigs were a scroll; I could read their fine pring; They were dreaming Spring when stretched roots would search and swallow sustenance from Earth. (I heard the great Northeastern Oaks were suffering with a strange disease.) Down from the Moon came thoughts, and I understood: <u>Seule</u>, <u>Solitude</u>, <u>Solitaire</u>, And that a bell was not a bird. Moving in the light of myself, I divined the double-circled oracle of my middle years.

I had been painting in blackness, guessing at colors, unaware that I was strangling in my silk scarf. Now I saw the hideous face of my assassin, and recognized the sighing in the place to be only the labored breathing of a dying dog. Christmas:

I saw the wise old Magi heading toward a cradle, and the waking Shepherds with the gift of their dream, walking toward that cradle. I arose and walked; and out of the earth, I saw blue smoke rising.

I was turning over like an hourglass, and could breathe in the empty clarity of the vessel wherein I slowly poured myself. Now I wheeled past the rusty carcasses and tyrannies. (The Eastern cemeteries line the countryside, their slabs upright for memory, and the West has wreathed dissolving bodies with picnic tables.) I have fed the earth with my blood, dug myself out of the snow, and rise from the battlefield.

Goodbye! -- I leave you to your five daughters singing O Tannenbaum every hour on the hour. Blow out the candles in the window. I leave the dishes in the sink, the auto hanging in the tree. Goodbye! -- Take down the paper pine and the plastic balls. Let the candles set the house on fire. Let the candles light up the crowns of the three Kings, and the flames in the fireplace rise like a city in calamity.

I will survive the Winter which sweeps away the hornets and the houses where the moles are sleeping. Goodbye! -- Keep my discarded snakeskin. I have learned the secret of endurance from the tensile birds; and that the light of myself flashes a path on the dark road; and I am glad I can still ask a question and find an answer which begins...

DAISY ALDAN SUMMER

Magician twilight with tricks of transforming turns Sete to fancy. If a cane changes form, becomes silks, and a flame of flowers appears on the empty table, then rooftops below are jeweled and triangular blocks scattered by the whim of a boy. Walls of the chateau are peeling mauve petals. Twilight the alchemist has Mediterranean draped with a golden mist. Pools are topaz, and mirror cloud shapes. Grape vines entwine and lean. Town sounds drone in a dream. Clattering afternoon melts lavender and amber. Sudden hoarse laughter softens in flight. Hush lies with eucalyptus leaves. A wing humming hovers here. Youth laughter lilts, lifts, and necklaces all in honey and velvet, in violet and gold.

FIREWORKS AT SAN RAPHAEL

A chariot sweeps skyward. Axles of rubies, diamonds, aquarelles spin, burst, luminously descend, dissolve concentrically, as behind closed eyelids, iridescent radiant reversed sun-whorls vanish when eyes open blind.

Thus in a sparkling spiral from inside outward, love whirls like wheels of chariots of fire While jewels dully expire.

Anxiety mourns the gaseous waste of brilliance - gem into paste; thunderous wheels, now a faint crackle, charred match, exhausted firecracker.

How revive a jewel's scintillation, and set a worn wheel in motion?

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SID SHAPIRO

FAT FLAMES FALLING

Fat flames falling flying faster than hell red as a rose racing across the equator

dipping into the waters of the bay
dripping dry on the sand on the beaches
not knowing anything
just hogging the ground
flaming up
flying fast
riding high on the hog
dripping fat
drying in the dust

faster and faster they go around in a circle

what do we need them for

they aren't any good

we should get along without them
don't know anything
never did
just ran along the ground hoping the wind would
carry me.

KENT TAYLOR

tables and eternity have a way of looking

the same the rest

lies quietly

after a waiting

a clarification

the cat drifts around another city

this path is almost ended paper on the streets is the same

paper held

other places

walking through shadowed clover

darkness stretching over me

like a smoking rainbow ending

in a quarry of ashes i wonder

i wander i wonder how the sun can let us sleep

june 30, 1965

down rained highways steaming dreams cling and hurtle beneath the states

me

going

you

passing unkowing pushing toward

something
not quite there
but real
the quest between the grass
and the city

today the car stalled my

feet

sinking deeper

the sun rising and setting

V. BARRETT PRICE

PICTURES
BY
HIERONYMUS BOSCH*S
DEAD LARK

I He put his cigarette out in the eye of the world and bear claws with long stems chirped in an eyecup

like marmalade his tears fell over the lace midget's face

and the bellkeeper lost his hands while praying.

II Mongoose milk and adrenaline were the barks of her hair and the bald headed teddy bear drank the fragile girl's bile

hoping to find the grave of the superplum fairy

down in the thicket the porridge was hot and his veins were filled with spoiled sugar

the sand castle crushed him and the crabs used his eyelashs to sweep off the tomb.

III Brass fish moult in the sea's eye

seaweed grouts the sky in place its roots suicidally longing for air

lions and men wading in the same woman.

IV He put on his hands and crawled into the earwax Buddha nailed on his chest

and among the prophets
that pulled at his nose
a small male mouse
picked centipede's ears
to find ruby dust
or a pink satin vial of whore's tears.

V Raspberry soda toads gave geodes to the bride

and the little boys wet their sheets with ermine

Christ felt like a pumpkin and the fairy godmother's eyes flashed coca cola—coca cola all through the inquisition

and Christ was baked with spices to be eaten at thanksgiving.

VI What do dirty books do when everyones in bed?

Marching round and round they turn into banana paste and are spread on hot toast by David Copperfield's dead mother.

- VII. Jade bees hummed in the Chinaman's nose as he went off with a Lapp to wash his face in raindeer's milk.
- VIII. They dropped the weasel from eight stories up and the little man with clubfoot eyes pushed his puce pushcart selling broiled prayers stuffed with witches.
- IX. And fireflies die saying we were the sun's residue.
- Χ. Let me filigree you all

my face is dripping through the page being only alive in the shine of a trumpet's skin

David's sheep are naked he sings his songs to put clothes on Orpheus's back he, the bodyless horseman, wants to make you filigree too

you're nothing but two hundred billion savage flowers stewed in your own bad breath

let me make your breath filigree so I can wear you as a patron saint around my neck.

Thomas Kretz

From the Crooked Catwalk

A hundred spasmodic fingers oddly reweed each long garden green, mint-scented; earthly might lingers under the low hanging cancer clouds, the banked and protected plots ban snakes and freight cars as taboo, but one, the tuxedoed farmer, can plan snake bites or boxings and still survive.

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PHIL WEIDMAN
                                                       Long, narrow,
                                                      hexagon hand tool.
                                                       Yellow:
 BLACK POINT 74
                                                      Made by Eagle
                                                      Pencil Co.
                                                      Wrote this.
OTTONE M. RICCIO
                FRIDAY AFTERNOON -- THE SUN'S SHADOW BURNS ME
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The mountains were stone,
The night lonely.
I placed my hand upon a
bird,
The hills melted.

OTTONE M. RICCIO

this bathroom is noisy

boy stands girl sits fits puzzle maker baker fresh sexy plexus wake up Joe gotta make the scene before the nightbreakers flake the green money skate flyer bird singing opera bourbon guzzle Joe guzzle up the juice tomorrow's headlines will float the news clean hands eye quits kits dazzle shaker fakir flesh Trixie! nexus shake up Flo gotta stake the spleen before the fight-snakers scrape the sheen honey plate buyer sword ringing oh but a soup's on puzzle Flo puzzle out the ruse the men hold hands and the ladies choose puzzle Flo puzzle out the clues

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the ladies dance their burleques

HANS JUERGENSEN

BRUEGHEL one can brush against wheat stalks to the right to the left they bow toward one on the harvester's path wi th full-beaded crowns yellow-strong: ripe

OTTONE M. RICCIO: THE REBEL CAPITULATES

Life is a ser ies

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waiting

to be un crossed.

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Tears

tion are punc tu a to sentences of breathing.

Cool eyes

sell

bravery

to those few

who find their mornings

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hollow

faces

waiting

for silk to b r u s s s sh their mouths.

Knives cut to repay their

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S. DORMAN

INSOMNIA

Such heat. and the fog drips from pillows where I try to lay my head. This place won't hide a soul. Night's buttoned up. tick, tock, drops of fog illuminate the clock. A thorn pops from the brier bush, pearled, unusual. No flowers occur. The streets bach arches like a teased cat when I patter toward my wall. Such fog. I cannot find. Heat. Pillow. My presence of mind sorts the lamp poles into friends and cats. At last, in the open I, but for my whiskers, sleep.

PAINTINGS BY MARGIT BECK

Boulders blast up from her power of quarries. Gnarled with purpose, like multiplying stones the body of earth grows in a chaos of works while she paints our apocalypse. The sun comes uncorked and fumes. She's obsessed with the myth of genesis: brains, mountains and apricots writhe in a blaze of birth. As her brush strips our history a fist of light blasts the frame where we were trapped.

IS IT POSSIBLE

Is it possible to live in a garden of stone trees? Where birds wear spurs, a sunset sheds blood on the grass, children starve for freedom in rich economies.

It takes my breath.

Smoke issues from the oracle beneath a grating:

the knife

may split in two, corn with shocked hair sprout from the hilt. You will eat fire and survive. Waves of boys tumble down our hills to rise like dragons. Blood is good.

S. Dorman

IMPROVISATIONS AT THE BEACH

I. light is tall draws me out upward my soul walks on water

in a wave of belly dancers sequin navels wink

teeth are seeds sewm in grit I love my flesh

2. sand like pastry after wind all day my toes crumble it

up to the abandoned shack by wooden steps jammed between dunes! cleavage

up against sun on my skull power is vertical

3. thorny beach plum has sugar petals I've a bloody thumb

skin is teasing crumbs of beach make city clothes itch

at the bus stop balustrades of light uphold my vision

DAVE KELLY THE SCHOLAR

Like Van Gogh if instead he'd sat lights on in the parlor humming

waiting
for the
ear
to fall off.
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PETER WILD

tres lunas

three moons over my knee, over the cold earth.

three moons hinged eccentrically.

adverse to the circle inscribed three times round.

and the tears
jell to seed
on the rind,
drop
to earth

like a bell ringing in a midnight snow.

DAVE KELLY SUMMER STUDY

Yellow breaks thru the hour,

my eyes watch ants walking in summer tar.

The sound of heat while none of us is looking.

MARGARET RANDALL

SERGIO

come into me you see have long fingers

are

several meters light. come

through up

be what you will

in me
as
i would be
house place field of action

D. L. GRAY CLOUDS

bed.

you said there is nothing in the sky but clouds and

they cannot kill us

but i say their teeth are made of hard white danger

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NIGHTWALK

walking under
the moon
with my hands
in my
pockets
i too desire
a round simplicity

tangled in limbs it makes no noise

they do not fight

the limbs and the moon

PLACES (3)

for jack and kathy marshall

too many times there is no here, is no concrete sense

in the garden, a

particular light come round

the

build-up moves off hesitates a

balance down of reach, the crazy old notes scream overhead

overn its

an undiscovered scale wadded with asbestos cutting

through the ear.

HANS JUERGENSEN

IN FLIGHT

Hard-edge canvas expands against the eye once the cumulus blanket is folded back.

Imperfect tillage-squares fat with ocher balance forest waves and magenta meadows.

Pendant to a platinum town burns the bevelled turquoise of a perfect lake

Too near the rust-wound of a quarry bandaged with indigo runs.

Scribbled roads direct the whispering Phoenix across his earth.

Hans Juergensen's collection of poems EXISTENTIAL CANON has just been published by SOUTH AND WEST. Soon in Epos, Northeast, South and West, American Judaism.

Margaret Randall Being Eight When Those Things Happened

over the george washington bridge the old car humped and tan as old cars are upholstery a prickly velvet that special kind of feel i remember the car radio blasting pearl harbor it was december seventh the sky carved in my mother's wail the announcer's excited pitch my father's words the seventh of december and i was eight years old.

eight years curled into back seat comfort pleading with imaginary friends invisible voices to settle doubts to tell me

what is war?

please,

what is war? and the words coming back through radiator burnt upholstery coming back through eager finger-tips well

war is

a good thing war is all right honey war is fine! my father slapped me then my contribution to that moment the only time the only time i can remember his hand open against my skin

and cried after.

i was eight. war was not fine. war began again and pulled us out on wave lengths and floating headlines letters defense plants and 'bundles for britain'.

while i was taken to metropolitan on sundays navy blue coat with white peter pan collar gazed at the cellini cup in awe face turned up my father's aunts and uncles burned in auschwitz in belsen and dachau my father

turned

his face to a new wall i held their hand and walked alongside wondered at their tears shivered at the night practise siren cleaned my plate at every meal

they're starving in europe, burning in europe and i cleaning my plate shivering wondering running my hand over familiar upholstery being eight and wondering. being nine and ten and wondering. later one does not wonder in the same way, knows, stops wondering and wonders more.

with Sergio Mondragon, is editor of EL CORNO EMPLUMADO, Apartado Postal No. 13-546, Mexico 13, D.F., Mexico. Recent <u>El Corno</u> publication: THE SMALL WAVES by Alvin Greenberg--\$1.50. Margaret Randall's "The Apple" appears in <u>Some/Thing</u> 2. A book review in Kulchur 19. El Corno Emplumado 16 is George Bowering issue.

DAVID WADE

ROBERT HERSHON THE BUM

Swans Loving Bears Burning The Melting Deer

And he said, "The subject for this evening's discussion is poetry On the subject of love between swans." -- Kenneth Koch

great bears on fire leaping from their caves to watch the loving swans,

and the deer melting at the lake's receded edge

the swans hate their necks and would be green pigeons sucking on sidewalks

i hate your sharp red beak says a swan but you must kiss me

the burning bears are watching, the sweet rabbits behind the leaves shaking

the deer looks to the cave sees nothing melts

JOHN UNTERECKER

Problem in Construction

The constructed building, after certain stresses, falls; Girders fall; and, like the opening of a fist, The knotted excellence unfolds the sky. Wrist And steel unwind. In a light wind, walls Sway, bend, in benediction, down. Well, we acknowledge the gravity of years.... And in the ruined stairs, In smashed rooms, forms articulate as bone.

You wonder Where I go With a dirty Sack over My shoulder

Wonder why I stand look At the sky My hands At nothing

Wonder why
I shift
My sack start
Across
The street

Wonder if I pass beyond Tree house Bush

Wonder if
I get there
Look at
The sky my
Hands

Wonder if My dirty Sack will Break Everywhere

Wonder why I scream Scream No one can Hear me

You wonder Where I go With my wife In my sack

You wonder
If I wonder
Where I end.

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JACK ANDERSON
Afternoon of the Trucks

The trucks keep passing
We sit at table
Two tall carved salt cellars

Every sentence is repeated Again every sentence Is heard under seawater Which inflames the eyes The hairs twitch in the nostrils

I am moved through the street
By cogwheels of the wind
Toward a painful sun
I have given up smoking
I smoke steadily
Safety pins open
In my chest
The trucks keep passing
Migraine pours from exhaust pipes

The day goes
Sideways
I can't look at it
Straight on
When I close my eyes
I see you
Biting your arms

A sick drowsiness
Drops its crystals
Through a funnel
We watch each other
Against the sun
Black as burnt match sticks

The trucks keep passing I am ashamed of all this And I know
No remedy

JOHN UNTERECKER
December Snowstorm

The world is music and sunlight— Cascades of sunlit laughter— Reed voices in a sky of shimmer.

I saw sunlight in a snowstorm In a field of birch trees. Birds sang. You sang under my shoulder.

The world was alive with light and laughter. And through the snowstorm there was a wonder Of blue light and of sunlight.

We were in two worlds then, At the edge of the snowstorm Where blown birds were singing.

The blare of light caught, catches Under my shoulder. The white light Gathers reed voice, bird voice, song.

Shadows resolve breath in the throat, light in the eye, Until wings triumph communion.
Then sunlight, sunlight roars in the sky.

TRAVAIL

by God! I gnaw syllables like crusts after bending up infernal appenines.

the sun has no more strength than I yet. trees are fuzzy in this light.

> I half expect Dante*s beasts to charge from three directions.

...still gnawing syllables they feel like gravel inside the mouth.

such effort so painful for a mortal word.

WESLEY DAY

THE FISHERMAN

The fisherman in his black rubber suit is digging up clams i am watching him

leaning against this PRIVATE PROPERTY sign post i watch him dig up one clam after another my thoughts remain isolated each locked inside a clam shell coming up in the fisherman's 3 pronged rake a steel heron's claw the water constantly washes the fisherman's suit but it remains black how many clams will he find how many beans in the jar how many gulls fly over the fisherman, angry with him

i see a greyhound bus drive across the water the greyhound falls off the bus into the water the fisherman pulls out part of the ddg, bleeding from the rake it is the dog's head his teeth snarling between the prongs the fisherman throws it back into the water he digs again. pulling out a photograph of my 8th grade graduation class with me the tallest, standing in the middle the fisherman throws it back he digs again pulling out a rosary with small green glass beads that my stepmother gave me when i was seven the fisherman throws it back no more clams the fisherman wades ashore.

Han's Juergensen's recent publications include EPOS, NORTHEAST, SOUTH AND WEST, AMERICAN JUDAISM, and a volume of poetry, titled EXISTENTIAL CANON, published by SOUTH AND WEST.

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ABOUT A NEO-ROMANTIC to richard protovin

Proto-vineyards tier up into ranks of juice green; purple-thickening globules spy, eye-socketed, from unseen limbs.

I feel, above the terraced profusion, hoar-heavy curtain walls, scarred like historic coffers.

The blood has long been scrubbed by torrents ancestral to our rains which still induce sun-gifted vines.

AT THE BAR

Molecule froth bulges over the rim; crawls down-

ward, slowly thinning in the grip of

gravity:

the fate of Pilsener

emotions.

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