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time to consider
yours or mine
resting place

Daniel Birnbaum

a petal still attached green beans for breakfast

aging together my dog's one white whisker

Alice Wanderer

wild thyme
reaping the seeds of
a second childhood

let not
your heart be troubled
winter warblers

Michael Henry Lee

bursting forth
from popping crackers
New Year's Day

Chen Xiaou



Debbie Strange



Debbie Strange

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for only seconds
feeling eternity
winter sunrise

Charles Harmon

strange city neon in a new language

around campfire
sharing our new versions
of old tales

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New Year
soft snow covers
the battle scars

an infant's cry
floating on fragile peace
the passing year

Anna Cates

photo album
sifting through pictures
of another life

Chris Langer

nursery

I buy a tree after learning
my diagnosis

John J. Dunphy

rain all day—
I search for the songbirds
in alexa

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communing with a raven
a nevermore decision on
resolutions

Richard L. Matta

dream after dream
rebuilding
mother's bungalow

Richa Sharma

A photograph of a wet cobblestone path in the foreground, leading towards a body of water. The water reflects the surrounding trees and buildings, creating a mirror-like effect. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

**flawlessly
into my new mould
mother's hand mirror**

richa sharma

Richa Sharma

unheard
above the gun club
meadow larks

Keith Evetts

first sunrising--
a ballerina statue
earning still applause

Teiichi Suzuki

chinese whispers
at the end nobody knows
what's coming out

Pitt Buerken

unfurling fern
the anticipated surprise
of a fetal kick

putting the clocks back
the silence between raindrops
drifting through her kiss

lightning rods
along the walls
prom disco

John Hawkhead

his gentle strokes
across life's scars...
mastectomy

Marilyn Ward

orphaned memories
the ancestral house-
sold

floating cemetery
of thousand children's dreams-
paper boats

Bakhtiyar Amini

hanging on
the rearview mirror
face mask

Caroline Giles Banks

awkward first date
a hibachi chef's knife
cuts through the silence

Andrew Markowski

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dad's birthday
we laugh again
at his favourite joke

my neighbour's laughter
her tongue stud
catching the light

mother's day
we move the daffodils
next to her picture

Rob Yeatman



Lavana Kray

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falling star
lightening
the load

Jerome Berglund

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solstice
the flickering light
of her prayer

January morning
an old man breaks bread
with pigeons

Sarah Paris

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skid row
making mosaics
of broken pieces

lost
the farmer assures us
it's just over yonder

Marilyn Ashbaugh

balancing
good and evil
incense points the way

pulling my hands
into a mudra
even seconds disappear

not seeing
the end of the rainbow
i throw a stone through it

Michael Rehling

rumba in the kitchen...
i pretend to hold
the shape of you

calm
after a long journey...
the river and I

Vibha Malhotra

dropped stitches
things that could have been done
can now be done better

new lease of life
from broken ankle
to ballroom dancing

Ingrid Baluchi

marriage bureau
in the waiting room
a toothless smile

missing diamond
the glow of
a ring tan line

Ravi Kiran



Robert Erlandson

wild iris
on the riverbank
shall I stay or go?

a game
of spin the bottle
first kiss

Marsh Muirhead

mashed bananas
the lingering scent
of an infant's first meal

morning yoga
 my body stretches
into itself

between breaths . . .
an infant's
tiny dreams

re-opening
the bartender remembers
their favorite beer

Barrie Levine

Ferris wheel
the laughter of children
reach the skies

bringing breaking news
in a bicycle basket
a paperboy

NITU YUMNAM

the past and future
in the palm of my hand
heirloom tomato seeds

rebooting—
on new year's day
fresh snow to cover our tracks

Rick Jackofsky

twelve years
since her last biopsy
the weight of waiting

Eavonka Ettinger

muddy spray
from the potter's wheel
a mandala forms

volunteers needed
one-way trip
to Mars

om in my breath
potential for so much more
new year morning

Peggy Hale Bilbro

milky way
I stopped making sense
a long time ago

arroyo
all those things
left behind

winter night
drifting on the ocean
under my pillow

Jamie Wimberly

Year of the Rabbit--
leaping through it
with a racing heart

Ruth Holzer

first wedding night
the loudness of
unspoken words

class reunion
my first love and I
compare our wrinkles

Mona Bedi

counting the days
until I hear him laugh again ...
green woodpecker

first blossoms...
he asks his mother about
the meaning of love

Deborah Karl-Brandt

leaving
the past behind -
first snowdrops

what if we
had talked for longer -
unfurling petals

Juliet Wilson

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Vandana Parashar

first night
your fingers trace my moles
like braille

software update my (aye)cloud storage full

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New Year's Day
just another morning
after eighty years

all new teeth
long weight loss
reversed

Christa Pandey

a red envelope
with new money...
black-eyed peas

newly twenty-one
she bring champagne
for Grandma's orange juice

sparks of fireworks
fall on new snow
neighbor's laugh

Shasta Hatter



Natalia kuznetsova

everything new
appears discarded old -
second divorce

Natalia kuznetsova

raspberry canes
memories
grab my jeans

after your death
I splash through frogpond
for you

Jim Ellis

pruning back
as summer turns to autumn
my smaller dreams

moving to the sea
my brown eyes
turn blue

Patricia Hawkhead

first light
crossing the covered bridge
into the new year

writing again
up and down the shore
the smell of rain

John Pappas

Season's Greetings —
my travelogue unfolds
a new bucket list

rumination
i mastermind
I to We

Lakshmi Iyer

fresh snow
trying to catch
a grandson's first smile

first quarter moon
I uncage the lark
inside myself

Adele Evershed

snowonsnow ...
the list of resolutions
renewed and shorter

auld lang syne mixed with barking
bits of my nightmare
breaking off

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talking about war
the dark shade
of the moon

Maria Concetta Conti

dusty feathers
dangle over my pillow
dream catcher

garden tea party
marble angels, stone buddhas
sharing a cuppa

Bruce Jewett

New Year
new knee
on old trails

New Year goal
Wordle
in four

Susan Farner

midnight kiss
half in the past
half in the bag

new calendar
nothing has happened
in numerical order

Ron Scully

every new page
on next year's calendar
still marked 2020

Curt Linderman

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forgetting the year
a baby bundled up
close to her chest

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falling snow
quieting
my demons

her new hat
cocooning
her chemo buzz cut

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new year's dawn
the gardener smells
yesterday's roses

Srinivasa Rao Sambangi

narrow doorway
we drop our bags
to kiss

Robert Witmer

darkness . . .
moving into next year's
light

stepping forward
into what will be . . .
waterlily

Susan Bonk Plumridge

filling the pages
of a new year's planner...
all the things I won't do

carousel
restoring the ride
in our galaxy's theme park

Tracy Davidson

new year
trying not to think
of friends long gone

another loss
I no longer try to hold
in the tears

Pris Campbell

this is a long night
familiar shadows
return to my memory

catharsis
the serpent sheds
my sins

Stefanie Bucifal

feeling my way
in the dark I stumble
over the truth of myself

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crisp white sheets
a fresh tune
with a melody

new year pruning back

Mark Gilbert

darkness of war
more than ever the smell
of rosemary

end of the year
behind the rear window
the trees scroll

Françoise Maurice

curtain of night
in a sea of mist
I rest

I watch
one hundred stars in the sky
blossoming sakura

Katherine E Winnick

a cold sunny day
bundled off to the airport
aloha spirit

Arlo Parker

paper cranes
made of old calendar -
time flies

color of the year
a kiss mark from
her magenta lipstick

her hair grown back
after chemo...
falling snow

rereading
my old diary -
spiral staircase

Alvin Cruz

dark thoughts-
he tries to fathom
all the stars

David Cox

first page
of my new journal
gardenia blossoms

new year's day
the running track fills
with resolutions

Louise Hopewell

tossing dice
the voices of those
who know each other

Billy Guerriero

@billeguerriero

mobility issue —
on the old path
the first snow bells

through rainy winds
a glimpse of blue:
newborn twins

sweeping away
yesterday's crumbs
ebb and flow

Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo

visiting a care home
I discover
my singing voice

Paul Beech

cold snap
smiling as I pack
my bathing suit

Kristen Lindquist

independence day -
the old man's dog
leaps into the lake

Deborah A. Bennett

tendered joy
rippling
off a skipped stone

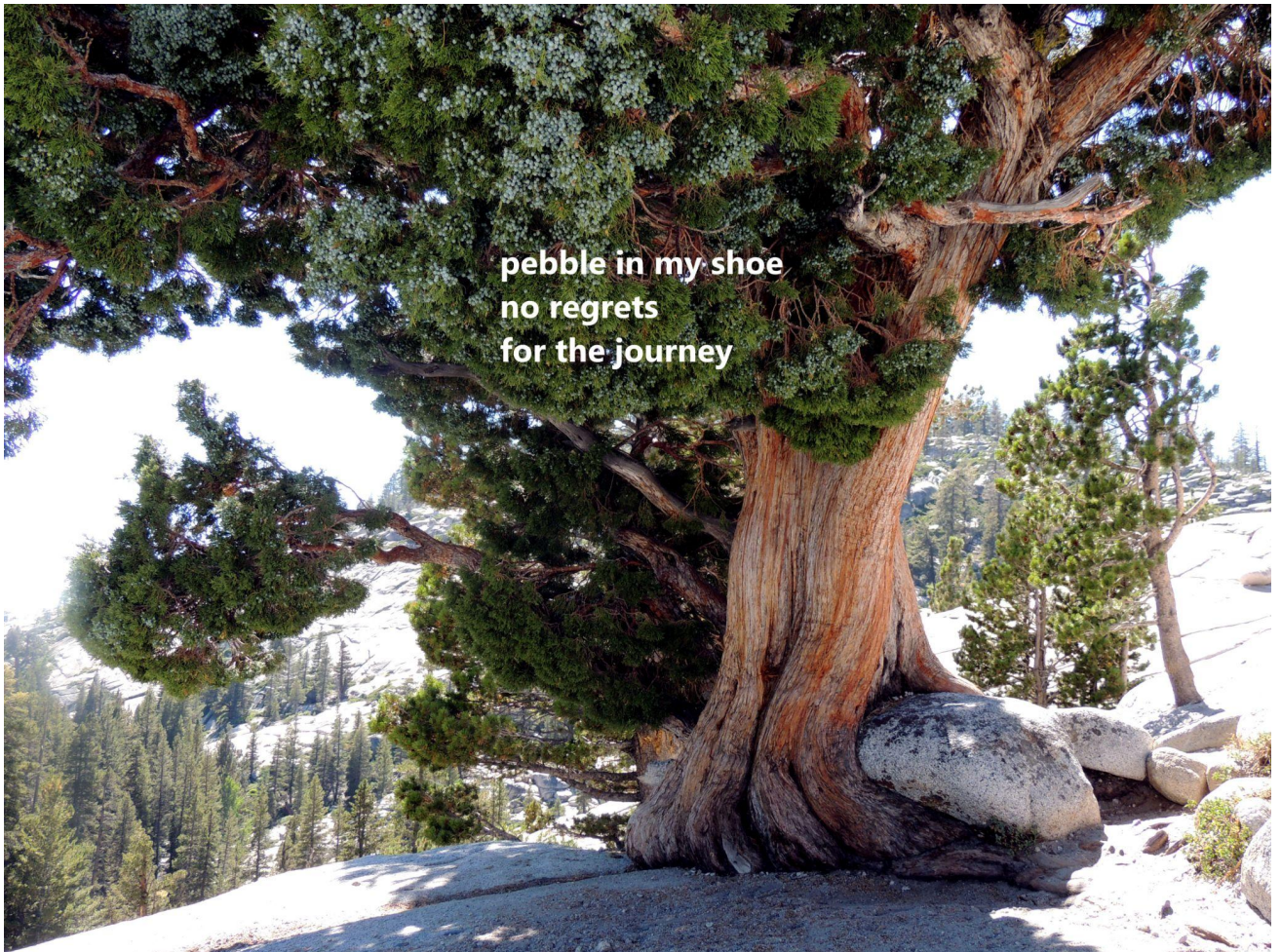
moon tide
draws the ocean in my body
even under this roof

EVA ZIMET

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Year of the Rabbit
feeling skittish
about change

Sharon Martina



Sharon Martina

warbler song renewing our vows

first sunrise
my hand finds the comfort
of yours

death anniversary
father's bonsai
blooms again

Bryan Rickert

wind chimes
the sound of your laughter
when you're not here

step dancing with mum
in the kitchen
heart beats

Ann Sullivan

2023 calendar
Buddha smiles on
my to-do list

new thriller—
reaching the climax
the doorbell rings

New Year—
same resolutions to unwrap
a new me

Neena Singh

snowy desert
the oasis of her warm
fingers

Vladislav Hristov

this war will end
among the rubble
a dove

Vincenzo Adamo



*no turning back —
following this path
through the dark forest*



Mark Meyer

New Year's Day —
my mother refreshes
her old complaints

Robert Epstein

so wrong again
those newspaper predictions
for the new year

Mike Gallagher

empty pages
begging to be written

departures and returns
blur together
indistinguishable

David Josephsohn



summer love riding the wave riding us

Tim Cremin

countdown to new year
waiting in stillness
unkindled fireworks

Joevit Prado

waiting for grandpa
to draw his next snoring breath —
the year draws to its close

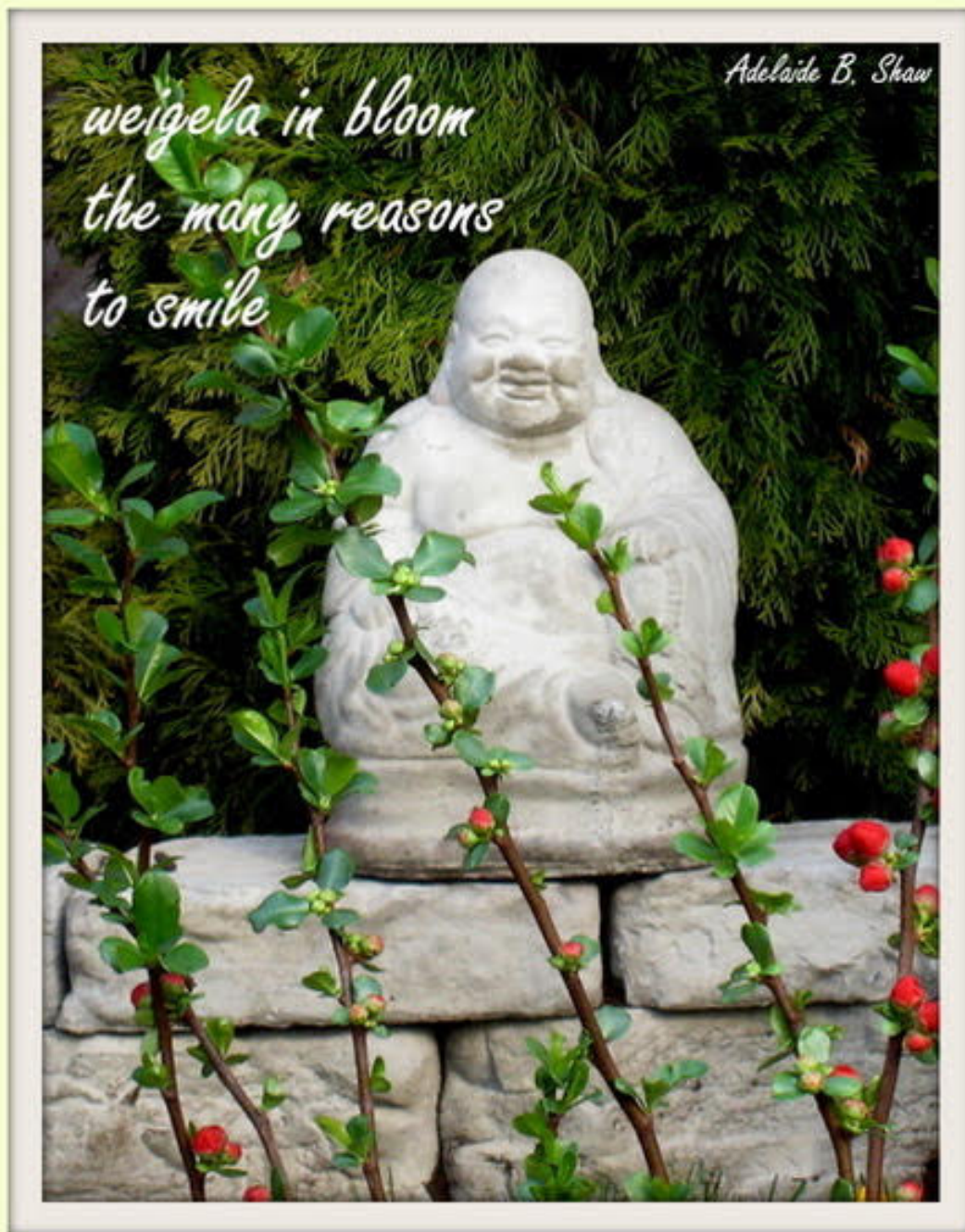
betting everything on next year helicopter seeds

Eric A. Lohman

**New Year's resolution:
to share the calm
of a summer's day**



Adelaide B. Shaw



Adelaide B. Shaw

landing song
trumpets fly me
to the moon

yellow brick road
shall we
skip the wizard

Tim Gardiner

blank page
in the haiku journal
New Year's Day

Jon Hare

new year's shopping...
the mannequin beckons
from swimwear

after the service
we open her hope chest...
pressed roses on top

Bill Fay

school pictures:
getting the boy who can't read
to smile

Patrick Sweeney

ruby sunsets
the precious promises
of tomorrow

widowed
swallows build a new nest
on the porch

grandma's glow
weaving scarlet roses
at the loom

Luminita Suse

climbing roses
our romance tangled
in the new shoots

watermelon sky
the sweetness
of this first kiss

their first date . . .
he wears a new bowtie
she explains

Cynthia Rowe

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respite care
on my father's arms the hairs
turning a childhood blond

DAVID GALE

happy awakening ...
multicoloured bubbles
on my coffee froth

weight of each word ...
the sound of boiling water
in the fireplace

first of the year
the same bread crumbs
as last year

Daniela Misso

stroke of midnight
last year's aspirations
recycling

new year eve
my dog licks my hand
as always

Dipankar Dasgupta

ikebana-
clearing the pot
and starting anew

day moon-
whatever
remains of me

Ram Chandran

happy new year
mom's heirloom pearls
with panache

Rupa Anand

Christmas eve
a year after the divorce
toast to our love

hundred ideas
for New Year's resolution...
multicolored fireworks

diary book
with a map of the world -
New year's dream

Tsanka Shishkova

triquetra
a dream blooms
in crochet

touchdown
at the water's edge
the stork and i

the new i
only a pinecone away
driftwood

Daya Bhat

new home
even the wind
sounds different

another last look
out the rearview mirror
the shrinking sunset

Suzanne Leaf-Brock

December wind--
sweeps the old diary
blank

a new day--
my boat sails
in a different direction

Lafcadio

the new guy . . .
asks if i'd like to dance
in the rain

taking down
our yard signs . . .
as dried oak leaves
scurry up the street

Jill Lange

back to the future —
time to unplug
the expectations

night shift
cleans the slate —
a new day

Jan Stretch

fallen magnolia petals
the little girl makes
a new flower

Zoran Doderovic

Christmas Eve--
the unpredictable wind
whistles a sad song

Eugeniusz Zacharski

first breath
into the cold
the cold in

Tyler McIntosh

dusk . . .
watering the veg-garden
zen resolutions

Stefano d'Andrea

emptying
the lawnmower's tank
new year's eve

John J. Han

shoreline walk
my heart leaps with
the dolphins

long drives...
our heart-to-hearts
go deeper

ponderosa forest
my daily hike
to the oracle tree

Cynthia Anderson

weekend walk
remembering the taste
of open sky

growing side shoots
a new visitor
in the care home

C.X.Turner

melting snow
the reset button
we need

acoustic guitar
a wordless old and new
testament

Randy Brooks

climbing Mt. Fuji
I'm weighed down by
sorrow
unburdening myself
rock by rock

flight plan -
hoping the trajectory
of this relationship
is less turbulent
than the last one

if you build it
they will come...
planting blueberries
to bring the orioles
into our yard

Susan Burch

January window
scrubbing water stains
off my reflection

new diary
pages not yet invaded
by little critters

year-end cleaning
donating my best clothes
to the shelter

Jackie Chou

newborn's head
in father's hand
earthrise

New Year's Day
my glass
half full

John S Green

makeover -
red stilettos replaced
with silver sneakers

sunshine through
the abandoned lighthouse -
a new day

newborns sparkle
in the maternity ward
Carina Nebula

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

six years
deciding yea or nay--
soon our forty-sixth

new knee
up: good leg, down: bad leg--
mantra for stairs

Peter Larsen

baby booties
will she finish
by mid year ?

new house
the wind chimes they
leave behind

Minal Sarosh

starting over
after a hundred years
mother's birthday

collecting onshore all my driftwood wands

Kath Abela Wilson

morning light
uncrumpling
yesterday's scribbles

New Year's morning
placing the chipped vase
back on the table

Margarita Drozdoff

fireworks —
watching my mother
be a child again

breezy afternoon
where he used to read
a sleeping cat

Lorelyn De la Cruz Arevalo

new year
save my husband's number
as 'my strength'

2023
my folded hands
for (un)fulfilled dreams

Priti Khullar

cracking the blinds—
first light
of the new year

Carma Lynn Park



Carma Lynn Park



New year's day
shaving this grey beard
for another adventure

milan rajkumar

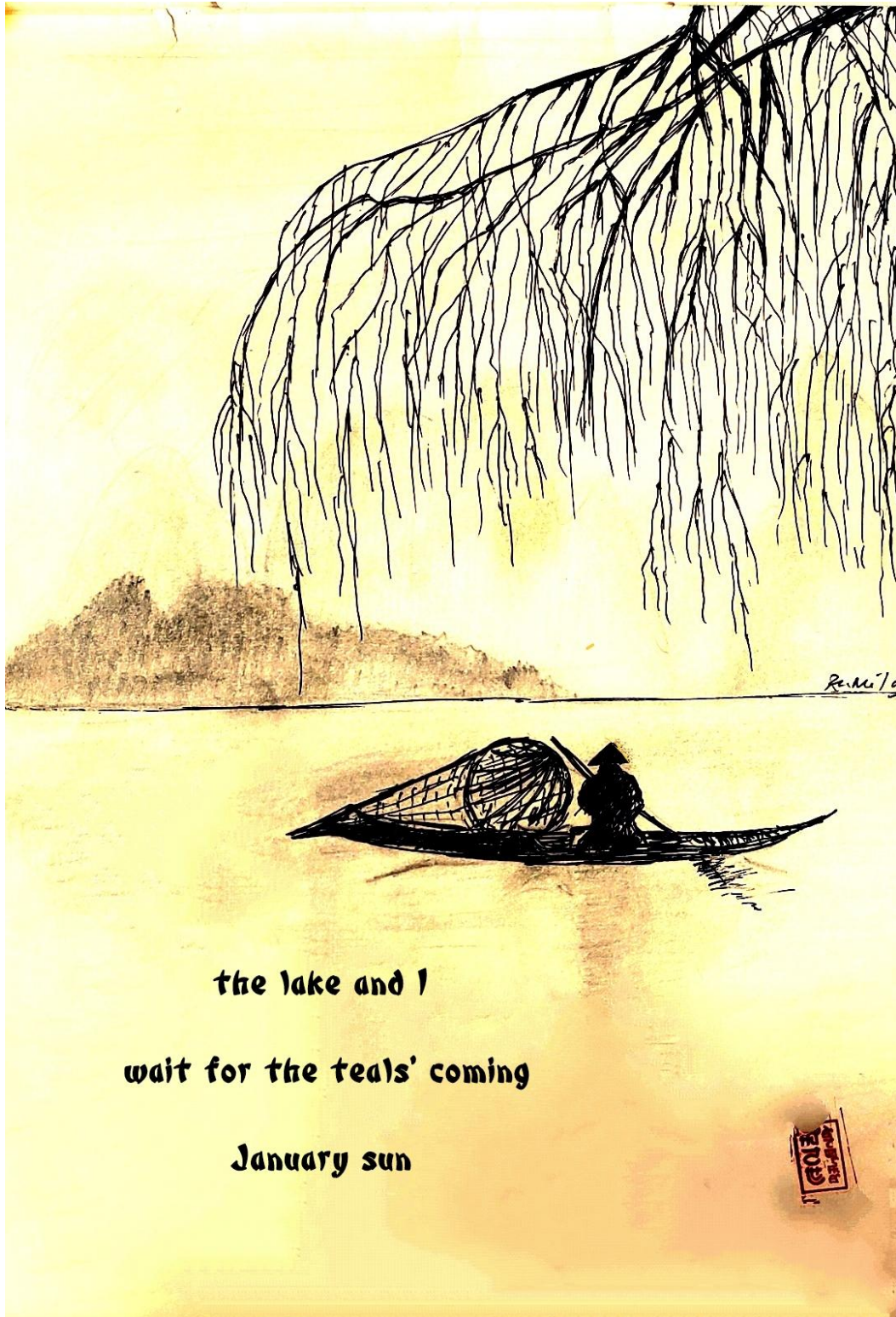


first date . . .

our chemistry takes the shape

of yin and yang





Milan Rajkumar

city skyline
a paper crane takes off
from the news stand

speed dating
having no time for
the mirror suckers

in between the shadow of oneself

Robert Kingston

the last notes
of twilight
time for a new tune

Mike Fainzilber

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new year's eve
rekindling
the fire

another year
the perennials waiting
for a sign

Sondra J. Byrnes

new year's morning
the remaining groceries
rationed until payday

new year
recomposing
my death poem

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true love the earth under my nails

foggy trail becoming who I was

Adrian Bouter

New Year's resolutions
my old dreams
recycled

end of the year
at the family table
a new baby chair

Mona Iordan

New calendar
she's swapping empty spaces
for snow-white squares

mid-February
still I find fresh memories
in pine needles

RJ Humbl'

cherry petals
the proof reader
skips a page

hospital visit
I leave on the song
of a bird

bellwether riding
the smiles
get it

LeRoy Gorman

meandering
downstream
the river
dreams
me

by the old well
qigong —
galaxies in each breath

Tim Roberts

looking back
and looking forward
--a hogmanay toast

first crocus
I find myself
skipping

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the same lawn
starting from scratch
the mole and I

Ivan Georgiev

winding path
from somewhere up ahead
the sound of laughter

Tower of Babble...
our uncle gives us
another history lesson

Jay Friedenber

new beginning —
on january calendar page
dawn sky

Devoshruti Mandal

ferry lights for the first time we call this place home

after the break up learning how to knit myself back together

Kerry J Heckman

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new neighbor
introduced their dandelions
to my lawn

returning home
new highways made over
my childhood

Wonja Brucker

ingredients for the salad
time we were
strangers

Irina Guliaeva



Franjo Ordanić

new beard shape-
a resolute man walking in
the speed date room

fireplace-
fresh ideas
crackling

Franjo Ordanić

yellow moon
our first conversation
about marriage

third date
she reveals another
tattoo

Rob Scott

on the horizon
shimmering sunrise
season's greetings

Bhawana Upadhyay

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new year...
the bullet-riddled shopfront
gets a makeover

new diary...
i amend the dates
of my procrastination

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clearing skies
my son and I retreat
into the milky way

first light
leaving darkness
behind

Stephenie Story

as one life ends
another begins--
border crossing

learning
a new language
first guitar

Kevin Valentine

last fold
of origami
prayer answered

Christopher Calvin

new year's eve
the flip of paper
to a next page

Ruth Hermosa

floating candles...

I pause to count
my blessings

unpacking a box
of fortune cookies ...
new year dawn

Vani Sathyanarayan

blood lines—
the distance we go
blindly

year's end
all the things sideways
finally behind

A.J. Anwar

*all this time
my steps looking
for a doorway*

– Ella Aboutboul



that day
mother left us
a river

winter twilight
we both agree
it would've been lonely

Ella Aboutboul

dewy lawn
my footprints alone
left on the grass

more visible in
zero visibility
shadow self

Vipanjeet Kaur

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mother's lullaby
how many years passed
remembering your voice?

battlefront
in a tin box
grandfather's postcards

loneliness
searching for love words
in an old crossword

Eufemia Griffo

border
on the refugee's palm
draft of a haiku

nobody home
a screaming parrot
to the snowman

Mircea Moldovan

a water lily
unfolds the birdsong...
last round of chemo

Amoolya Kamalnath

first touch
helping her
cross the road

Quamrul Hassan

fifty times now
Mom has turned
thirty-nine

David Oates

journey to the stars
initiating the countdown
after diagnosis

next snow
the marks I left
disappear

Henryk Czempiel

sunlit ginkgo
so many of us
half-full stars

new year
pretending to know
yūgen

Mariel Herbert

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sings along
to Auld Lang Syne
last plum leaf

first light the newborn's fists unfurl

P. H. Fischer

moth-eaten
saving resolutions
for the new year

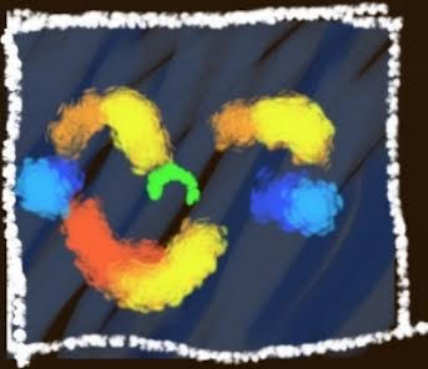
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