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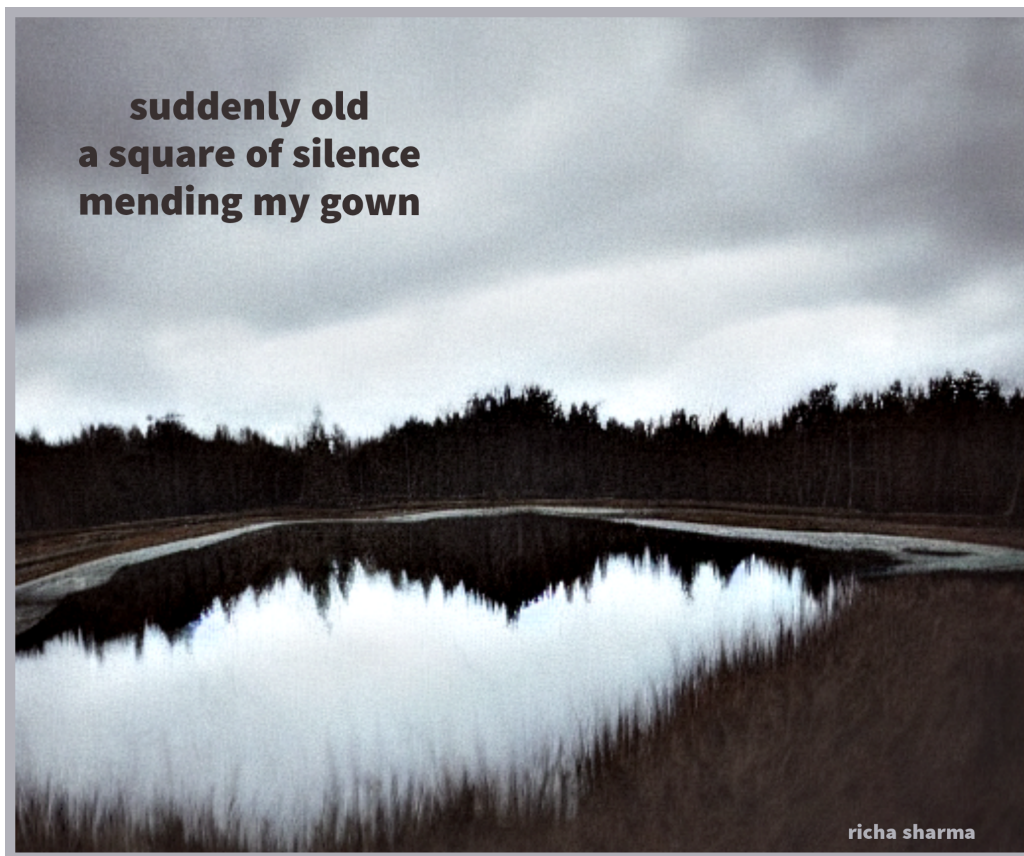
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no one in a hurry now... winter storm

**Michael Rehling**

time travel  
sniffing the bone soup  
at mother's home

**Kavya Janani. U**

family dynamics  
patching the threadbare quilt  
one more time

**Michelle V. Alkerton**



F.T.L. travel  
taking a flight to see  
my grandmother

**Chen Xiaoou**

only son-  
so much weight  
on your shoulders

**David Cox**

one meeting  
one lifetime  
white lotus bloom


heron  
in morning clouds  
the path never ends

**Deborah A. Bennett**

autumn equinox  
I divide in half  
my chocolate bar

new year's day  
training myself  
not to make plans

**Oscar Luparia**



*sundial  
the day I'll be separated  
from my shadow*

poem & photo: Oscar Luparia

**Oscar Luparia**

hometown  
a stroll under trees  
no longer there

each year  
my signature  
closer to my father's

**John Pappas**

the hindu pantheon  
is the greek pantheon  
is the norse pantheon

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alarm ringing  
alarm ringing  
late for work

**Tuyet Van Do**





**Lavana Kray**

nightfall  
that's me  
all over

blurred between  
the boxcar slats  
wild cherry

anniversary  
I should replace  
last year's flowers

departure lounge  
on the escalator  
an ageing couple

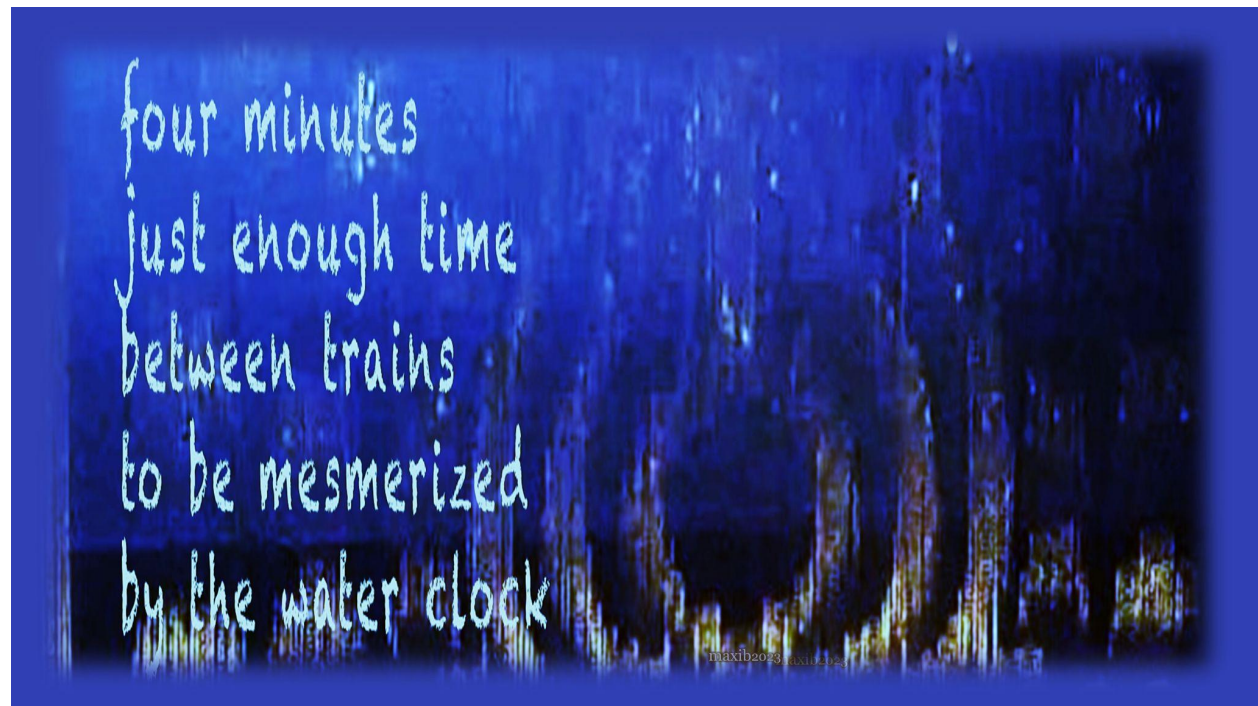
**Keith Evetts**

to-do-list ...  
the beauty of space  
left empty

winter solitude ...  
when he wanted to have  
a child with me

just another day ...  
watching how the water flows  
down the river

**Deborah Karl-Brandt**



**Maxianne Berger**

after treatment  
more hair in the keyboard  
deleted

snowman in the rain  
so less a man  
so little time left

**Ron Scully**

Physics classroom  
Bored students  
Learn about time dilation

Worn hourglass  
Grandma's old wartime qipao  
Passed down to my daughter

**Ramund Ro**

graying sand and sky my winter shore

dad's roadmap  
taking the long route  
to memory

**Barrie Levine**

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combining natural  
with not . . . my mid-century modern  
body

still on hold  
landline customer service call  
from 1995

**Roberta Beach Jacobson**



bed divot  
the sound of your laughter  
fainter by the day

ticking clock  
the cuckoo rests  
for another hour

cold rain  
my leg always aches  
this time of year

**Chris Langer**

fireplace mantle  
its clock permanently stopped on  
his wife's time of death

circled in black  
a date on  
the convict's calendar

daylight savings time  
my car clock adjusted by  
our tech-savvy grandchild

**John J. Dunphy**

shooting star -  
the race of light  
a moment long

**Antonio Mangiameli**

old friends  
getting together  
a new bookshelf

friendships passing in the night sleepover

new schedule  
loosely dashed  
bite marks

**Mariel Herbert**

butterfly wings  
beating out of time  
ballet recital

a new flavor  
of pop every day  
aging joints

after school  
homework in kitchen  
times table

**Jenn Ryan-Jauregui**

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retirement the sound of dust settling

aging process  
an address book  
of dead names

tunnel memory  
a horn honking  
in the dark

status quo not long for this world

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off and on the flashes of my night watch

**Alice Wanderer**

school reunion  
once-a-year  
backward time travel

**Teiichi Suzuki**



her dead friend's voice  
amongst the messages  
she presses save

**Barbara Strang**

soul searching Siri times out

**Marilyn Ashbaugh**

still waters

*driving home  
just me and the wind  
in my hair*

a glimpse of the self

praying that mom  
won't pick up the scent  
a sip of gin

I long to be

*I smoothen out  
creases of my skirt  
curfewed night*

**Hazel Hall and Chrissi Villa**

children's park—  
I fail to gauge the speed  
of time

dad's dusty scooter  
the cover uncovers  
years of hardships

**NITU YUMNAM**

I'm looking forward  
To daylight savings time when  
My clocks will be right

**Jennifer Gurney**

nightshift the hourglass upside down

**Adrian Bouter**

who has no time  
find the time  
to reflect

**Vincenzo Adamo**

dinnertime whether we're hungry or not

missing gnomon  
a lizard stretches  
across midday

**Ingrid Baluchi**



sleepless nights  
endless winter rain  
filling my head

**Aaron Bn**

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his turn to cook  
again he can't find  
the thyme

thunderbolt  
digital clocks flash  
12 12 12

**Caroline Giles Banks**

muslin curtains  
a little light breaks through  
mothers cataracts

quiet halls  
in the care home....  
rowan berries fall

**Marilyn Ward**

back in time -  
I retrace  
every wrong step

**Silvia Bistocchi**

black-bordered  
October butterfly--  
the unknown hour

between  
moving in and moving out...  
a breath

ninth decade--  
the great expectation  
of tomorrow

sudden pain your life and not a minute more

clocks turned back  
an extra hour  
to fritter away

**Ruth Holzer**

off key...

I lose myself in the blues  
of the sea

unwilling  
to move with the times  
emperor moth

I feel time quicken  
in the dragonfly flutter  
of my eyelid

last breath  
the leaves  
still falling...

**Adele Evershed**

(@AdLibby1)

she's at my doorstep  
months early— baskets  
of wildflowers

Delmore said it  
time is the fire  
in which we burn

**Bruce Jewett**

retirement phase  
the weekdays flow seamlessly  
into weekends

**Gillena Cox**



pumpkins...  
from baked seeds  
to juvenile pranks  
to a rock band  
to high fiber pie

**Richard L. Matta**

smart watch  
so many steps  
to enlightenment

waistline  
how the universe  
expands with time

a moment ago mosquito

**Harrison**

..your time starts now...

unchanged calendar-  
old memories  
hanging in my mind

**Ram Chandran**

## **Out and About**

The bus arrives and I get on. It is jam-packed. The seats are occupied, and the people jostle in the aisle. I have just found a foothold and a grab handle, when a young man stands up and offers his place to me.

new experience  
I'm growing old  
each one sees it

**Pitt Buerken**

two calendars  
they quarrel about  
the start of the year

**Pitt Buerken**

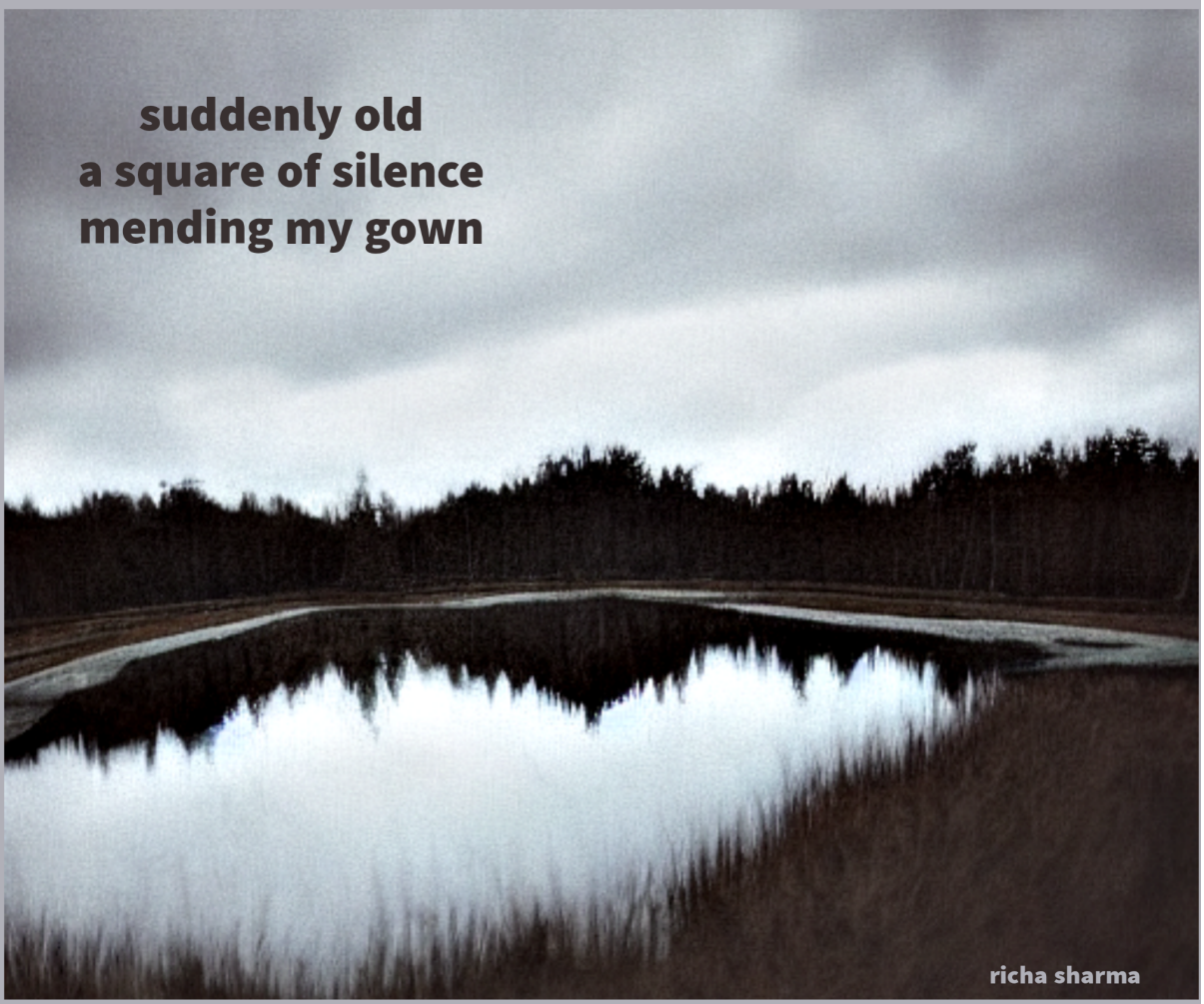
crossing the International Date Line  
day lost                      day gained

**Carma Lynn Park**

sifting beach sand  
through my fingers...  
time stands still

**Rebecca Kolstad**

**suddenly old  
a square of silence  
mending my gown**



richa sharma

**Richa Sharma**



small town bar  
the faded pin-up calendar  
out of date

grave marker  
the stillborn's one  
and only date

geologic time broken pieces of her geode

parking lot penny  
a habit picked up  
long ago

**Randy Brooks**



never in doubt  
always on my side  
forever with me

natalia kuznetsova

the shortest night  
and the longest wait ...  
her missing child

**Natalia Kuznetsova**

glass after glass ...  
a crescent moon fades  
from the bar window

waiting room clock  
an ant moves from one wall  
to another

**Chen-ou Liu**

## **The Confession of a Guy Like Me**

her eyes fixed  
on the test results  
as the snowy night deepens  
the burden of red lines  
on my wandering heart

Whatever happens to her in the bathroom causes her to have these dreams; they keep her squirming, tossing, and turning all night long. She says nothing, and asks nothing of me.

What am I (or are we) going to do in the foreseeable future, the future after Roe v. Wade?

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monomyth  
over a few beers  
we retell our old stories

getting a referral  
for a another specialist  
my forties deepen

**Joshua St. Claire**

like sugar  
through an hourglass—  
the glaze of our lives

**Curt Linderman**

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shorter days  
winter and old age  
see to that

**Tony Williams**

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time thief –  
a migraine  
steals my day

owls living on burrowed time

a cactus  
storing water  
do we have  
enough love  
to last a lifetime

**Susan Burch**

on her small hand  
my sick child's  
life line

skylight stars  
my small glimpse  
of eternity

meditating  
by the river  
how long  
it takes me  
to become still

**Bryan Rickert**

each successive year  
a smaller fraction  
of my life

we learn too slowly  
no backsies, no time outs  
the game is rigged

**David Josephsohn**

## **T Minus 10**

Spaceman, always looking up, a compass with no  
needle, lost it shooting up. Always shy a  
half-a-moon, he's off to Heaven to file a  
complaint—*too many burned-out stars, more every  
day; got to get to Heaven . . . make a few changes.*

soup kitchen steps  
for a pillow  
his last night on earth

**Richard Grahn**

I'm watching the clock  
To be sure that I don't miss  
The time of my life.

**Tim Perry**

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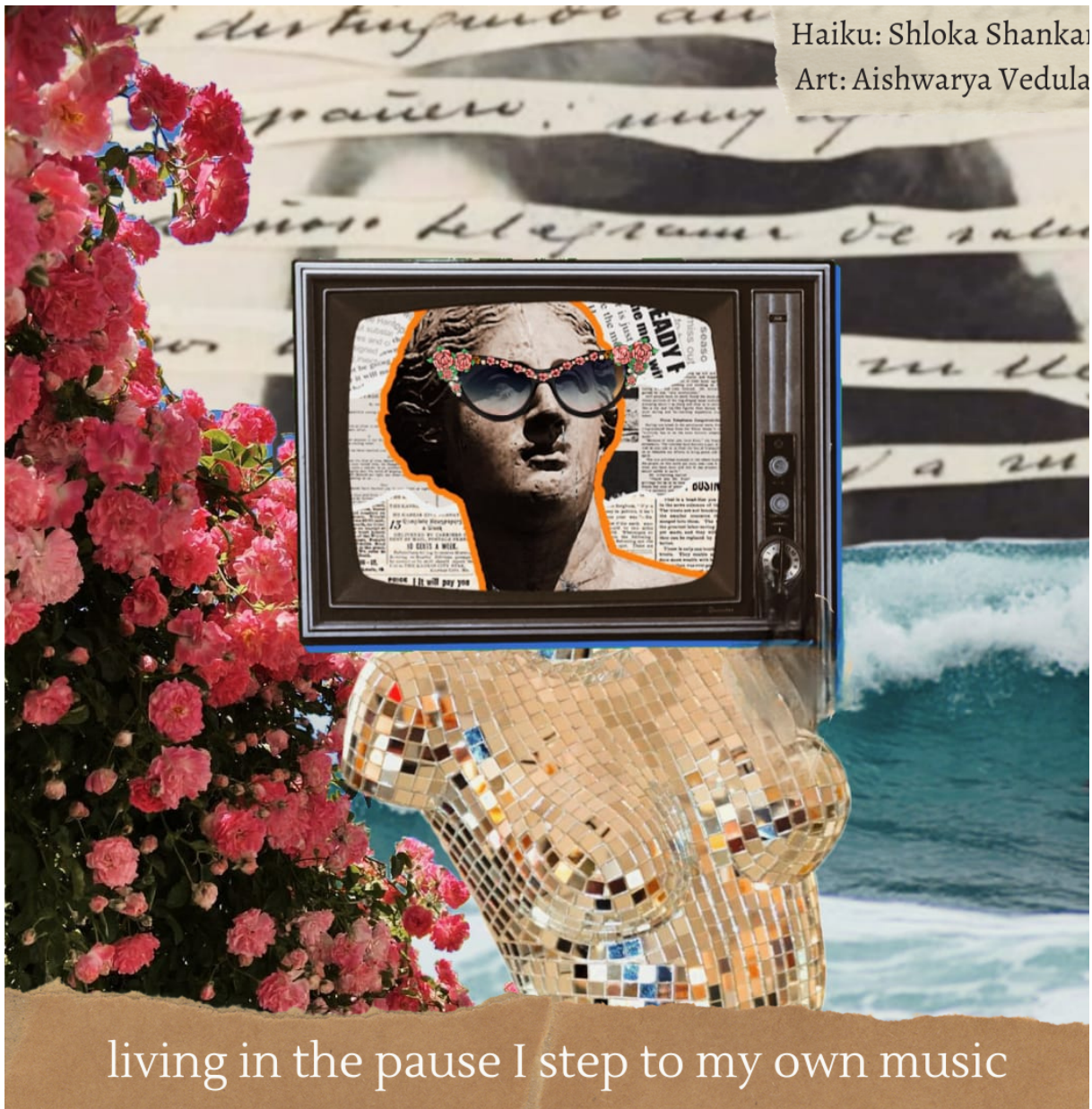
I tell my mirror  
it's a sign of wisdom  
first grey hair

old convent  
chipped laundry tiles  
scrubbed thin

his last words  
I went this way last time  
clifftop hike

**Louise Hopewell**

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**Shloka Shankar**

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birth of a child  
a life beyond time  
beyond space

round the clock  
the way a spider spins  
a mandala

**Lakshmi Iyer**



time travel  
the rumble of Armageddon  
ever clearer

**Tsanka Shishkova**

racing  
at ninety miles per hour  
my inner voice

mayfly hatch  
a day  
is the life


**Jon Hare**

## **Dureless**

We, as particles suspended in the fluid environment of information and data, have random emotions as we are bombarded by the fast moving molecules of bits, bytes, images, and news, real and fake, every waking moment.

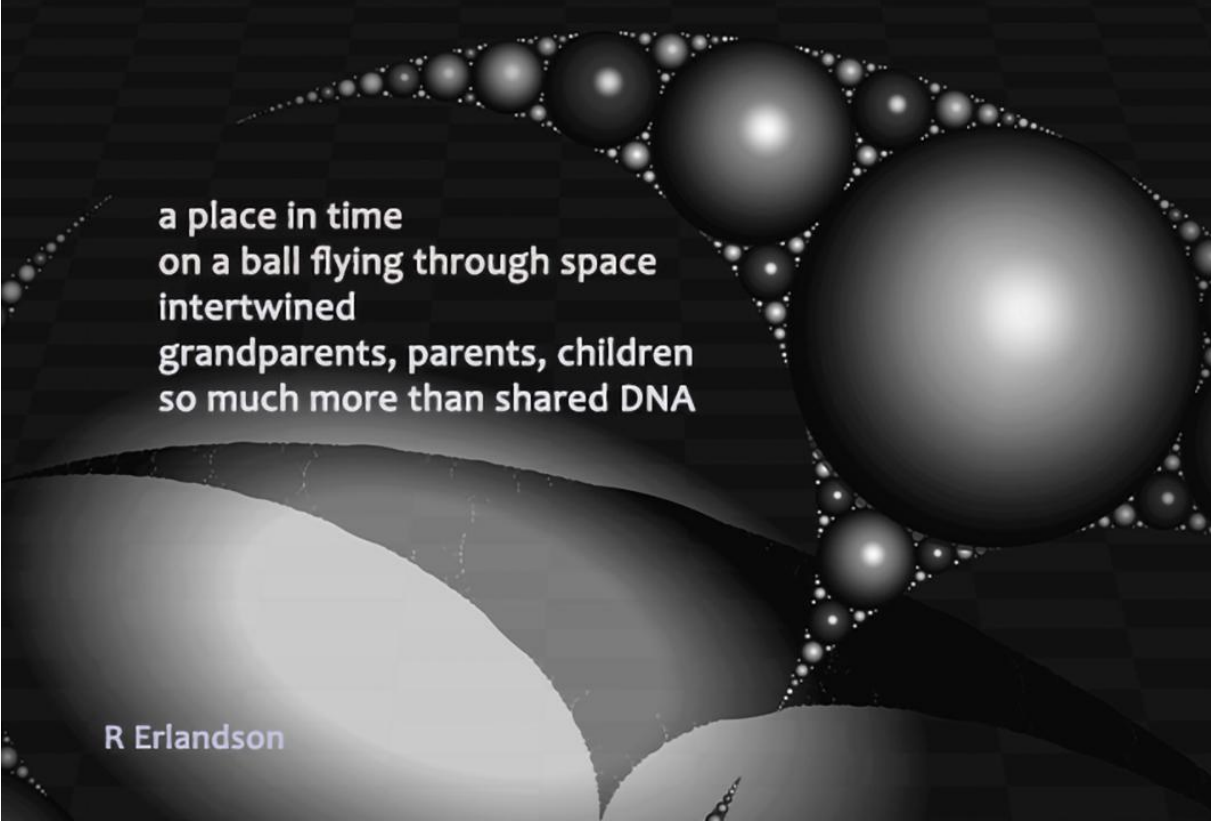
kaleidoscopic ...  
movement changes  
patterns

**Robert Erlandson**

An abstract visualization of spacetime curvature. The background is a deep purple. A bright, glowing white and pinkish-purple ring or band curves through the center, representing the warping of spacetime by a massive object. The light fades into the dark purple background, creating a sense of depth and curvature.

fabric of spacetime  
twists and turns with heavenly bodies  
it's relative  
with parallel universes  
things get complicated

R Erlandson

An abstract black and white fractal artwork. The background is a dark checkerboard pattern. A series of spheres of varying sizes are arranged in a curved, branching path that resembles a fractal. The spheres have a gradient from dark grey to bright white, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The path of spheres starts from the bottom left and curves upwards and to the right, ending near the top right corner. The text is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image.

a place in time  
on a ball flying through space  
intertwined  
grandparents, parents, children  
so much more than shared DNA

R Erlandson



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winter rambutan  
the taste  
of you

so much I've forgotten  
what luck to escape  
oneself

afternoon visit  
time at the edge  
of your eyes

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morning



a solitary wave



breaks the silence

**JOHN ROWLANDS**



mossy trunk –  
above the ancient bough  
young moon

**Krzysztof Kokot**

incense urn

the sutra

as you cross over



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the  
portal  
to  
another  
world  
keyhole  
surgery

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**Debbie Strange**

new year  
I drop my baggage  
and soar

fissures in the ice  
after a long day  
she cracks a smile

spring planting  
tattoos of flowers  
bloom on her hands

**Lesley Anne Swanson**





**Linda Papanicolaou**

just in time  
for the big wave  
shark!

正好  
趕上大浪  
有鯊魚！

crunch  
sunglasses now  
in two

嘎吱一聲  
太陽眼鏡裂成  
兩半

**Sherry Grant**

images  
from the edge of time...  
evening news

**Shasta Hatter**

spring shower  
tin roof taps  
For-get-me-not

two miles north  
new interstate  
...new ghost town

**Kenneth Mory**



the man  
bent over his cane  
shadows lengthening

**Daniel Birnbaum**

third quarter moon  
finishing alone  
the rest of the way

**Eleonore Nickolay**

zen class...  
the minute's hand still circling  
every sixty seconds

soldier's house  
days on the calendar crossed  
with crayon

anti-ageing cream  
I still  
turn fifty

**Vandana Parashar**

recently widowed the creeping ivy shadows

**C.X.Turner**

@lover\_\_poeti

springing ahead  
we reset—  
the dawn chorus

water  
under the bridge  
the river comes and goes

two kittens  
and a ball of yarn  
quantum entanglement

**Rick Jackofsky**

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flight delayed  
more alone time  
at the airport

house for sale  
the light timer  
up all night  
summer sundown  
the roadside wreath  
losing its shine

**John Zheng**

in the mirror  
rivers of wrinkles  
life's confluence

**Christa Pandey**

## Who does this morning serve?

The dawn swells open like peace in a wide New Mexico sky, a reason to walk. I step over a dead skink at the doorstep to a small cabin. I did not sleep well. I blame the altitude. I feel like I'm dog-paddling on this gravel road in gold light under horsetail clouds and wide-open turquoise. Two ravens fly side by side quorking. My fists bury in fleece pockets. Absent the ravens, the only sound is shoe-scrape in gravel. I will myself to relax my fingers. Fallen apples near the road shrivel up. Like the skink. I want to open.

shrill voices  
shred the universe  
but not these purple grasses

I gather a fistful of bent weeds that gleam like grosgrain ribbon from near the adobe wall. Deer were here, left pellets. I tie a knot in the base of the grasses. A switch. Time to change. The goats-head burrs want nothing more than to annoy me on my socks. I stick to gravel.

gathering  
in fall pasture  
dragonfly and walking stick

I wave my grasses, a seed-studded wand to a round-about road in perfection of morning. I have walked here before but never this before.

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## **Time of Death**

Public Service Announcement: If an introvert loses their Person, small talk (always troublesome) may now seem (permanently) impossible. In addition, the ticking of a watch or clock may now drive them mad.

within your cadence  
this hypnotic fall  
of snowflakes

**E. L. Blizzard**

always asking twice  
toddlers, husbands...

stuck in this room  
a head cold's  
sick husband

milenia  
the overgrown jungle's  
Mayan metropolis

**Erin Castaldi**

my torn kimono  
along the seam  
of five summers

humming cicadas  
every seventeen years  
- me at age three

drifting rosepetals  
breastfeeding to menopause  
twenty turns around the sun

**Katherine E Winnick**

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plum blossoms  
that immense universe  
ending in big chill

life span  
the longest measure of time  
i know

blossoms fall  
this is how  
time flies

**Eugeniusz Zacharski**

water table  
just a story  
from the ancient times

**Françoise Maurice**

sunset  
moving her photo  
into a new wallet

deadlines passing softly January snow

**Travis Schuhardt**



**Vijay Prasad**

hour after hour  
our conversation  
about death

**Maria Concetta Conti**



Spring equinox  
For a moment  
Reflected in the pond  
Trees which  
Will grow here in the future

**Anna Goluba**

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hollow pumpkin  
learning to let go  
as days ripen

jasmine breeze  
her memories unfold  
in twilight stillness

river stones  
will my rough edges  
dissolve in time

memorial  
a grandchild's eulogy  
rolls down her cheeks

**Ravi Kiran**

## Wind-up

Dali's clocks  
we sag over the sofa  
after dinner

*her squeals  
when my hands go round*

she wishes  
she hadn't  
asked for seconds

*polishing off  
his sundial —  
old timer*

the doctor inquires  
about regular movements

*over and over  
the hourglass  
while it's not over*

**Ann Smith and *Keith Evetts***

in my kitchen  
thyme does not exist  
only rosemary

the time it takes  
to deny that time  
does not exist

after his death  
loud clicking  
of a mantel clock

beyond the summit  
another world  
without time  
dimensions  
or space

**John Budan**

Suits in the closet—  
the widow gives  
one away each week.

**Michael Minassian**

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shooting star–  
14 billion years  
in a heartbeat

story time  
grandpa shares  
his scars

**David Kāwika Eyre**

morning workout  
trying to catch up  
with my past

wash dry and fold yesterday

a new calendar--  
fresh pages  
of snow

**Sondra J. Byrnes**

time travel  
everyday I wake up  
in the future

road trip...  
she returns  
younger

**Jan Stretch**



groping for time -  
my eyes get lost  
above the sea

**Eva Joan**

time machine  
grandma takes me  
to girlhood

dyscalculia  
she switches  
to digital

**Daya Bhat**

Do you think a dam  
Ever gets tired — always  
Having to hold back?

The loose weave of my  
Sadness keeps getting caught on  
Things as I pass by.

Jesus? Yeah, we're not  
As close anymore; but I  
Still talk to his mom.

Warm weather arrives  
Like the orange, neighborhood cat  
— Unexpectedly.

**dalice**  
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day off  
time to stop and think  
about work

calendar app  
scrolling all the way back  
to my birthday

time travel  
the frying pan clock  
over the stove

taking the keys  
away from Grampa  
climate change

this moment everything that ever happened

lucid dream  
floating to the rim  
with serious hang time

how could there  
be a beginning  
how could there not

falling  
every memory  
surfacing at once

**Tim Cremin**

infancy to senility  
hourglass flows quickly  
life is but short

**Mardiosa Yañez**

ancestral home  
the door that creaked  
creaks more

autumn leaves the change i still resist

this wind...  
...here then  
here now  
first kiss  
a moment that lasted  
for a lifetime

broken sundial —  
i try to hold on to  
lost time

old album—  
the life we knew  
and didn't

**Mona Bedi**

frosted dawn  
spiders spin clocks of light  
around our dreams

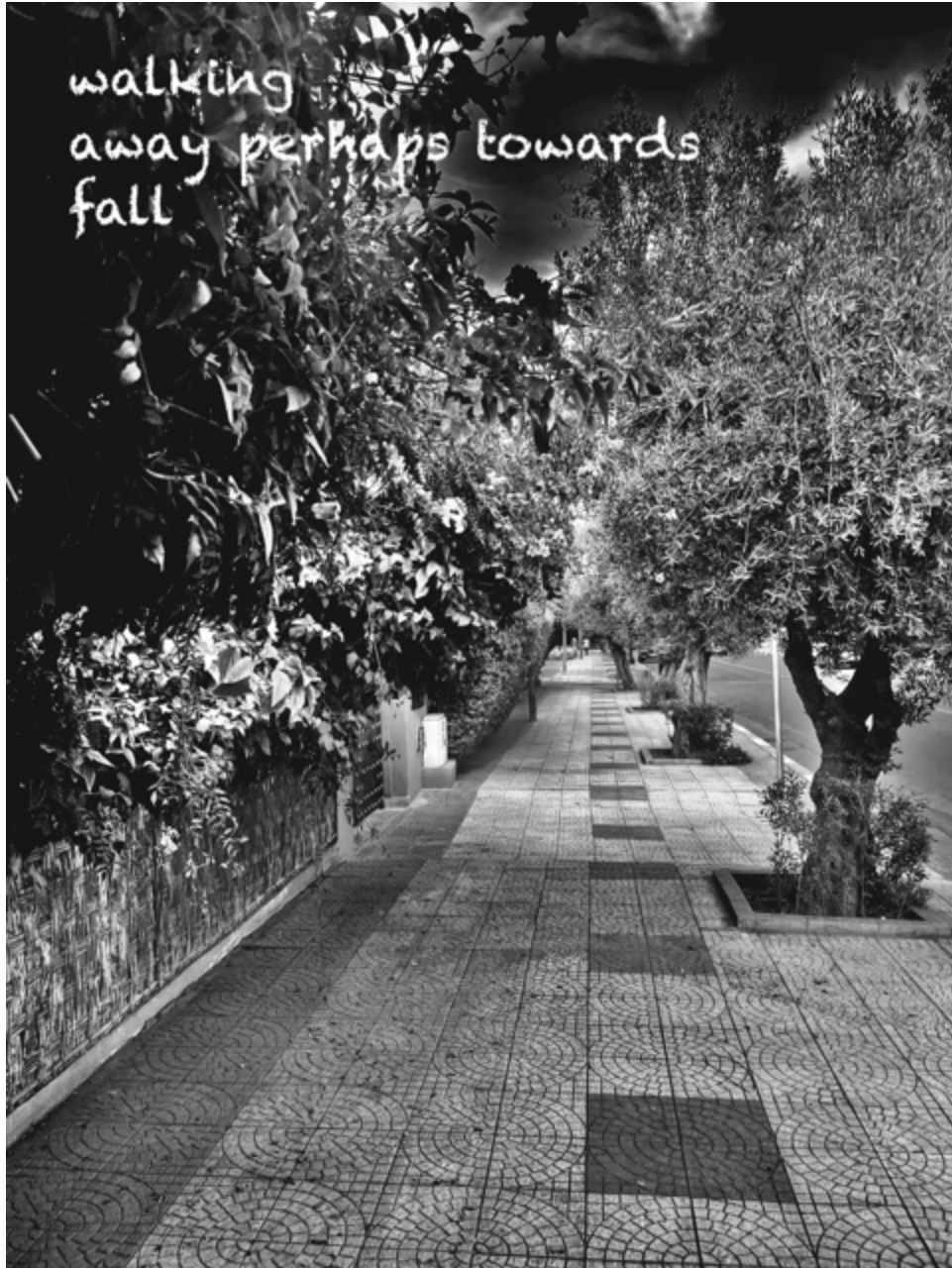
**John Hawkhead**



monuments  
fade like memories  
sea breezes



walking  
away perhaps towards  
fall





**William Vlach**

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sleepless  
measuring the length  
of a dark night

silent snow falling asleep at midnight

old age  
another primary doctor  
retires

**Barbara Kaufmann**





hourglass

another perfect day slips

through my fingers

b k

**Barbara Kaufmann**

without noise -

the snow and the hours  
fall slowly

**Silvia Bistocchi**

a broken tree  
someone's initials  
carved into the future

**Mark Gilbert**

sour dough the family legend I am keeping

spring rain  
the tears of our ancestors  
in my palms

learning to be at ease with stillness

**Wai Mei Wong**

poinsettias his promises also short-lived

**Vidhi Ashar**



an old ID badge my long-forgotten beard

the memory stick  
my past life lies  
in ambush

**Paul Beech**

village vacation  
last year's kitten  
brings kittens

**Tomislav Sjekloćanew**

new month begins  
doesn't look any different  
than the last one

**Robert Beveridge**

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around the lawn—  
an old man  
lets the mower take him

coming home to the pines  
the scent  
of childhood

delay tactic—  
circumnavigating  
myself

**Jenny Fraser**

no sheep around –  
one after another  
counting worries

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**Mark Meyer**

Mark Meyer / 3dotstudio

tomorrow  
and tomorrow  
the eternal excuse  
a simple blossom  
carved in stone  
his birth / his death

celebration of life  
a scattering . . .  
of cosmos seeds

**Allison Douglas-Tourner**

past lives  
crossing the leaves  
with my shadow

fortieth candle  
I straighten the clock  
on the wall

emptying  
a pumpkin of seeds  
early menopause

**Carmela Marino**





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wall calendar  
eternity's  
cellblock

**Robert**

gazing at a sickle moon  
tonight  
I remember my dad

**Maureen Weldon**

your call  
is important  
30 minutes later

**Susan Farner**

the concertina  
life's slow and fast  
passages

**Rohan Buettel**

Tick-tock, tick-tock ...non-stop  
yet it bids you and me  
'be still... take stock!'

**Lucille Dass**

insomnia  
the dog snores  
all night long

**Neena Singh**

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a new year  
a chance to look  
back and carry on

**Linda L Ludwig**



## **Curtains**

Drawn and quartered. The penalty for not noticing the temperature change. For not comprehending the frost accumulating between the garage door's bottom lip and the cracked cement floor. Too comfortable in my split-level castle to catch the conspiracy of ice uniting outside and in. I slip from warm living room to attached garage to waiting car. No gestural interruption between the TV remote and the garage door opener. Yes, there's a small groan when I press the up button—a seasonal protest. Then the groan becomes a yowl. I hop out of the car, witness amputation in real-time. The steel door's strain to separate from the frozen concrete rips the pulley from its ceiling mount, leaves the lifting arm swinging, its white vinyl skin still attached.

ouija board  
my brother smirks  
from the other side

**Maureen Kingston**

too late  
I beg for her  
forgiveness

**Joevit Prado**

heartbeat  
counting every second  
of his life

**Ruth H. Hermosa**

pandemic summer  
in my parents' apartment--  
last year's calendars

colorful pencils a rainbow in a pine box

**Mariya Gusev**

see-saw  
dreams teeter  
memories totter

getting a handle  
on the future  
pallbearer

time's love song written in the slow cursive of the stars

sandpaper time  
the old actor remembers  
his polished lines

cumulus hair  
nimbus eyes  
the coming storm

**Robert Witmer**

prayer beads  
the day slips  
through her fingers

spectacles  
grandpa still sees  
what we can't

retirement  
father sends out  
friend requests

**Minal Sarosh**

continuum -  
up to the missing year  
after the dash

**Ivan Georgiev**

evenings shorten -  
only the night owls  
increase productivity

**Fionnuala Waldron**



cicada moon  
time comes  
to a standstill

the palmist's smile  
my life line shorter  
than I'd like

**Nika**

Costco shopping cart  
On the long sloped sidewalk  
Whee, I'm ten again!

**John Petraglia**

empty nest  
a f(e)ather refuses  
to let go

**Eavonka Ettinger**

senescent couple  
laced with antioxidants  
aging like fine wine

**Richard Bailly**

our summer affair  
the ocean now wreathed  
in drizzled rain

gran's spare room  
a spider spins its web  
on the bedpost

once-lush forest  
a rivulet winds through  
my son's bare feet

## **Cynthia Rowe**

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new month  
all the calendar squares  
filled

use-by-date  
she eats  
the last Easter egg

heirloom watch the rhythm of the second hand

**Christine Wenk-Harrison**

winter solstice  
the year  
stands still

friday  
my pillbox  
tells me

jukebox  
sequestered  
songs of yesteryear

**Charles Harper**

bullet train  
the time runs at  
sixty minutes an hour

junk yard  
every watch at  
its own time

**Srinivasa Rao Sambangi**



frequent flier  
I go whenever  
books take me

viajero frecuente  
voy donde me lleven  
los libros

**Wilbert Salgado**



*journey's end  
my path looks different  
from hindsight*

**Colleen M. Farrelly**

shooting stars—  
the dash between  
born and died

**Colleen M. Farrelly**

sunset in the shadow of the hour hand

**Patricia Hawkhead**

ask any child...  
winter time nothing like  
summer time

isolation...  
the guilt accumulated  
over a lifetime

**Ed Bremson**

a far off look  
photo album  
in her lap

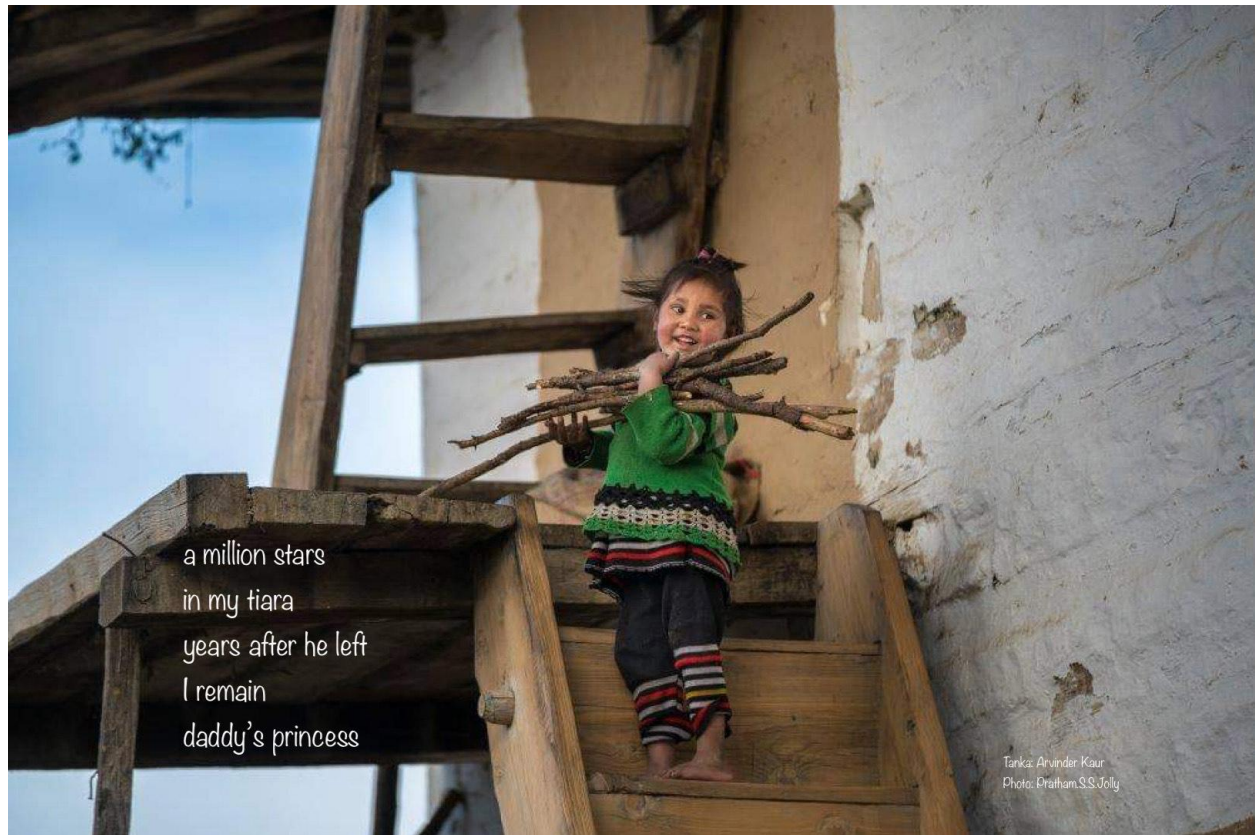
rescue puppy  
for her one brief winter  
we imagine forever

catch of the day another virus strain

**Jackie Maugh Robinson**

new retiree  
hard to drop the habit  
of checking time

**John J. Han**



a million stars  
in my tiara  
years after he left  
I remain  
daddy's princess

Tanka: Arvinder Kaur  
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**Tanka : Arvinder Kaur**  
**Photo : Pratham S.S. Jolly**



always the tides  
with  
or without me

last drop of honey...  
slow drip  
of the in-between

**Kimberly Kuchar**

is time a thin strand  
of hair in the mane of the  
universe, greying?

**Sowmya Yain**

Driving west ...  
I add an hour  
to my day

**M. R. Pelletier**

time stops -  
my wife  
entering the mall

**Sreenath**

## **Under Negotiation**

Look, he said, neither of us will be here when parallel lines meet.

last call  
the only thing between us  
the check

**Bob Lucky**

I am once upon a time

**Mike Gallagher**

labyrinth walk  
my shoulder brushed  
by an oak tree

**Maurice Neville**

slow day  
watching it grow  
my haiku seed

alarm clock disrupting my biorhythm

**Bona M. Santos**





just after  
the sparrows flight -  
the spacetime's bending

*Cristina Angelescu*

**Cristina Angelescu**

visiting family  
the Shih Tzu's wrinkles  
deeper every time

the cycle of trees  
changing couture  
every season

fallen leaves  
last year's luck gone  
with the wind

**Jackie Chou**

growing apart  
your initials  
on our tree

**Herb Tate**

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morning time  
tea in your absence  
tastes different

**Priti Khullar**

around the room  
for 80 days  
lockdown

*memento mori*  
as if we needed  
another reminder

never buried  
Einstein's brain  
still thinking outside the box

**Charles Harmon**

death watch  
every half-hour we fidget  
to the cuckoo's call

**Doris Lynch**

time machine  
bringing back advice  
we fail to follow

**Elizabeth Shack**

homecoming queen  
her hourglass figure  
shifted by time

**Valentina Ranaldi-Adams**



a light mist  
in my grandfather's stopwatch  
summer days

hospice tree  
the same ornaments  
year after year

Sunday dinner  
four generations  
of silence

**Mark Forrester**

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two headed dragon  
lapping at the rim of time  
in the museum Cafe

sands of time  
the castles we build  
before the great wave

only humans  
dream of sticks  
turned to flutes

a branch from the tree  
of time hidden  
in ocean sand

**Kath Abela Wilson**

nana's recipes  
filed in my memory  
soft ka-ching of the sifter

**Ann Sullivan**

as I get older  
I look at my life—  
wabi sabi

only one  
perfect thief—  
Time

**Gil Jackofsky**

## **waking after a dream**

cancer. I'm walking across a wooden bridge that floats above a lake. life on the side I start from is mostly known, on the side where the bridge connects, completely unknown. I can see another land in the distance, though slightly shrouded. sometimes the bridge dips below the surface. others with cancer are in the water, swimming toward the shrouded land. as I step forward, my feet start to get wet.

I keep going  
the land gets closer  
I hope it is heaven  
waking after a dream

**Annie Harpel**

history repeats itself  
reloads  
repeats again

my how we've grown  
baby pictures  
of the universe

the mayfly  
sees just one moon  
but so do we

the mayfly  
sees just one moon  
but so do we

**petro c. k.**

watching the moment go up in woodsmoke

breathing in  
breathing out  
the end

my dying mother  
her last act  
of love

pouring a beer  
the bartender points to the mirror  
of eternity

**Robert Epstein**

rose petals  
the faded scent of  
last year's diary

dandelion clock  
a robin tugs at  
somebody's wishes

dandelion clock  
a robin tugs at  
somebody's wishes

**Lori Kiefer**



he declared “Time’s just  
an artificial construct”  
then his ran out

**Lee Strong, ofs**

all my clocks show  
the wrong time -  
back to my hometown

**Ana Drobot**

all my clocks show  
the wrong time -  
back to my hometown

evolving  
like a blot of ink  
death poem

leaf meditations  
my hands move the rake until  
the rake moves my hands

**Stefanie Bucifal**

year by year  
shrinking  
for a smaller coffin

**Wonja Brucker**

sensei's class  
a moment  
out of time

**Mike Fainzilber**

mammoth tusks  
in the Natural History Museum  
my loose tooth

**Zoran Doderovic**

spitting  
watermelon seeds at my shadow  
summer afternoon

**David A. Berger**

spring rain  
the intermittent wipers  
keep time as we speak

**Marc Kimball**



marking time  
my kids' height  
on the doorframe

steamy romance  
her love note fades  
from the mirror

**Jacob Blumner**

making adjustments...  
the minute hand comes off  
in mine

shortening days...  
I wear  
my dresses longer

**Jo McInerney**

## Measuring

Those were days, when the kitchen did not have a clock or a timer. But we soon learnt that time is the ultimate essence. Batter needs time to rise. Curd appears only when it is set and left unshaken for the equivalent of a night's sleep. Milk has to be stirred slowly to allow it to caramelize. Frying takes a quick flick of the wrist, else there would be charred remains for a meal. Like in the ripening of fruits, flavours in the simmering casserole yield to time's craft. It has a value beyond measure.

*brewing tea  
the misty aromas  
of patience*

**Geetha Ravichandran**

shift change  
ambulance crews  
watch the sunset

**Tim Roberts**

baby girl . . .  
raising a reader one book  
at a time

annual report  
using the past to chart  
the future

**Susan Bonk Plumridge**

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rooftop view  
the stars almost  
in my grip

**Christopher Calvin**

a break time  
it never  
really is

**Lorelyn De la Cruz Arevalo**

mayfly  
where did the time  
go

**Sharon Martina**



all day long  
talking to violets  
hospice garden

**Maya Daneva**

six years old in bed  
where was I  
before I was

**Sébastien Revon**

training wheels  
I wobble  
into fatherhood

**Raghav Prashant Sundar**

spring garden  
tamping down the soil  
with my crutch

the sting of grief  
is with me still ...  
evergreen

**Deborah Burke Henderson**

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stillness —  
the cat gazes at nothing  
in particular

**Rupa Anand**



spring crocus  
every day  
less of me

**Billy Guerriero**

soft click  
of barber shears  
9th inning roar

**Billy Guerriero**

sequences -  
taking their own time  
each haiku poet

**Amoolya Kamalnath**



Sinatra  
she pulls up her  
wheelchair blanket

**Sanela Pliško**

memory game –  
the scent of apple pie  
lingers in the room

**Daniela Misso**

shedding trees  
what remains  
of us

**Baisali Chatterjee Dutt**

a year  
of neglect -  
snake plant

**Ashesh Das**

closing time  
the call for last orders  
on our dying world

**Tracy Davidson**

pink flames bloom  
how does magnolia know  
it's new year?

**Jyotsna Atre**

microwave  
every  
clicks  
a  
second  
less

**Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo**

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how would I want  
to be remembered?  
starlight

old piggy bank  
another dream  
waits to crack

**Tyler McIntosh**



muezzin 's call i can't snooze my alarm

**Devoshruti Mandal**

the squeaky voice  
of the hourglasses seller  
twilight

**Mircea Moldovan**

tin box  
mother's old ribbons  
forgotten

old calendar  
I rewrite my life  
from day one

**Eufemia Griffo**

lengthening shadows  
I too  
will soon disappear

**Sue Courtney**

my fresh start starts tomorrow

rush hour

all the tail lights between  
here and home

**Kerry J Heckman**

startled  
the mirror confronts  
more gray hair

**David Josephsohn**

empty-nest syndrome?  
claiming my time  
back

**Cristina Povero**

not an idea  
in my head  
deadline

thirty-day planner  
thirty-one-day month  
working without a net

twenty twenty-three  
only a weathervane  
knows which way  
the wind blows

**Alanna C. Burke**



one day old nestling  
on the hundred years old tree  
millennial forest

**Henryk Czempiel**

the procrastinator  
puts off reading  
a brief history of time

it takes time  
to move forward  
at the speed of light

**Hansha Teki**

at his age  
he'd love some woman  
to make a fool of him

7th-inning stretch  
A flock of pigeons  
circles the field

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cabbage in the food processor  
my day  
cut into shred

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looking  
forward to looking back at  
where I am now

plagiarism someone wrote my haiku before me

**Lev Hart**

rainbow bridge a soul's timeless wait

**Peter Jastermsky**

time . . .  
my view through the window  
slowly changing

**Giovanni Nagacci**

ripped jeans  
the night her life  
unraveled

**Nancy Brady**



forest floor once upon all the time in the world

daylight savings  
what was never  
ours to keep

eternity...  
three steps short of  
our connecting flight

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