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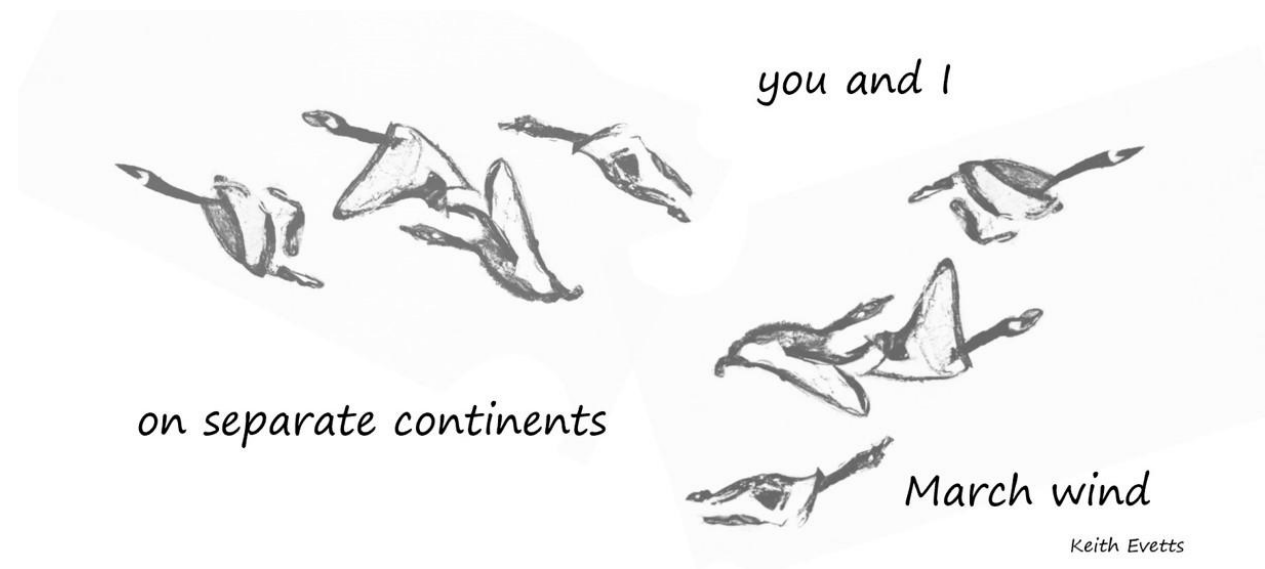


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Cast List

In order of appearance
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Marilyn Ward

Ravi Kiran

Cynthia Anderson

Rick Jackofsky

Andrew Markowski

Deborah Karl-Brandt

Debarati Sen

John Hawkhead

Debbie Strange

Richa Sharma

Roberta Beach Jacobson

Anthony Lusardi

C.X.Turner

Nicholas Klacsanzky

Reid Hepworth

Alice Wanderer

Ganesh R

Jim Chessing

Arvinder Kaur / *Shloka Shankar*

Neha Talreja / *Priyank Singh*

Vidhi Ashar

Franjo Ordanić / *Sandra Šamec*

Susan Yavaniski

Neena Singh

Srinivasa Rao Sambangi
Louise Hopewell
Adele Evershed
Sarah Paris
Joshua St. Claire
Claire Vogel Camargo
Richard L. Matta
Tony Williams
Randy Brooks
Kelly Sargent
David Watts
Bryan Rickert
Lev Hart
Ruth Holzer
Hifsa Ashraf / *Oscar Luparia*
Barrie Levine
Jamie Wimberly
Gil Jackofsky
Dhaatri Vengunad
Tomislav Sjekloća
Cynthia Rowe
Mona Bedi
Valentina Ranaldi-Adams
Brad Bennett
Ed Bremson
Joseph P. Wechselberger
Tracy Davidson
Arvinder Kaur
Peter Jastermsky / *Bisshie*

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Chris Langer
Govind Joshi
Wai Mei Wong
Jan Stretch
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anne morrigan
Ram Chandran
Lakshmi Iyer
Sharon Martina
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Jenny Fraser
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Kath Abela Wilson
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Eavonka Ettinger
Amanda White
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Stephenie Story
Sébastien Revon
John J. Han**

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Rich Schilling

Susan Burch

B.A. France

Tyler McIntosh

Jacob Blumner

Mark Forrester

Sherry Grant

Erin Castaldi

Sue Courtney

Nancy Brady

P. H. Fischer

Mary McCormack

Maya Daneva

LeRoy Gorman

Kris Kondo

Alvin B. Cruz

Sondra J. Byrnes

night rain
the steady drip
of morphine

Marilyn Ward

checkout
collecting a free gift
I never needed

I (tried real hard to) do

Ravi Kiran

aging in place the beds we've made

Cynthia Anderson

paw prints
on the kitchen floor
mud season

Rick Jackofsky

job interview
the large gap
in my teeth

Andrew Markowski

ex lover ...
not sure if I'm allowed
to mourn his death

Deborah Karl-Brandt

high tea —
strangers
acting friends

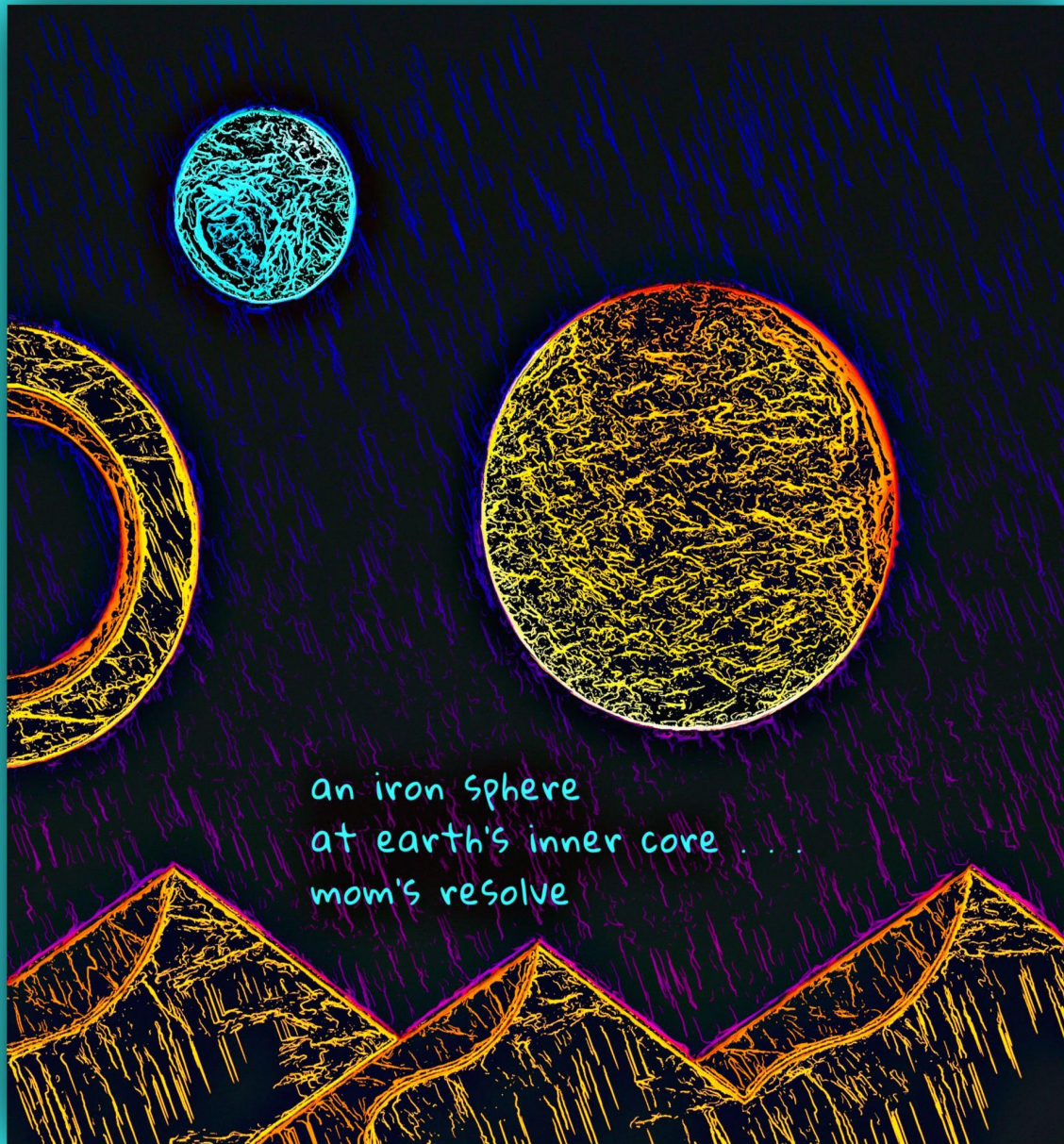
Debarati Sen

leaving the graveyard
a trail of tail lights
heads into the stars

John Hawkhead



Debbie Strange



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Debbie Strange

spring tea
I turn to the guest
in the mirror

without a bird evening I should have

Richa Sharma

silent rain . . .
under umbrellas
mimes

Roberta Beach Jacobson
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new year morning—
a crack
in my shot glass

Anthony Lusardi

dropping my apple
the sneeze
I catch

C.X.Turner

Twitter @lover__poetic

mini golf
I get mad
in a big way

Nicholas Klacsanzky

Glass Half Full

Each day starts with a heart wrenching negotiation with God. However, I know it will never be enough. The downward trajectory continues. God doesn't hear me. It doesn't matter how good I am.

twilight...
the pop of another
wine cork

Reid Hepworth

my towering mother
tiny now
winter violets

Alice Wanderer

reverting
to my mother tongue—
rush hour

Ganesh R

gypsy moth caterpillar
that thing you do
with your eyebrows

Jim Chessing

Haiku: Arvinder Kaur

Art: Shloka Shankar




Arvinder Kaur / *Shloka Shankar*



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distant horizons :: a lifetime of toska

Arvinder Kaur / *Shloka Shankar*

A photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. In the foreground, there is a thick layer of snow. In the middle ground, a small building with a green roof is visible. The background features steep, rocky mountains covered in patches of snow and dense evergreen forests. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

*deep winter
cleaning the last strands
of hair*

Image- Priyank Singh
Words - Neha Talreja

Neha Talreja / *Priyank Singh*

soundless guitar strings cat whiskers

Vidhi Ashar

*Photo by: Sandra Šamec
Haiku by: Franjo Ordanić*



*retirement-
my Icarus dream
come true*

Franjo Ordanić / Sandra Šamec

snakeskin
i slip out of
my zoom smile

country drive
I reorient
to landscape

Susan Yavaniski

foreign city walk
a stray dog's bark
sounds familiar

Neena Singh

lovers park
a vacancy at
every alternate tree

gossip corner
the boxwood fence does not grow
beyond the neck

Srinivasa Rao Sambangi

rock hopping

I side step

a crab

Louise Hopewell

spring bulbs
germinating in the dark
new fibroids

rain shadow
my mother gets lost
in her hometown

lenten moon
I finally give up
giving up

Adele Evershed

pick-up day
the crows
talking trash

Sarah Paris

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flea market
paying a penny
for myself

Joshua St. Claire

sizzling spices
his little kick as he flips
my eggs

Claire Vogel Camargo

new neighbor
my dog whizzing
on his welcome mat

Richard L. Matta

quicken my pace..
an old friend
ahead in the mist

Tony Williams

hospital parking lot
newborn father moonwalks
over the ice

Randy Brooks

my twin sister's
first boyfriend —
what does he see?

Kelly Sargent

stargazing
the growing distances
of my children

David Watts

first confession
my child takes
the longest

visiting the widower
an empty beer can
in every room

Bryan Rickert

two flies doing it
on my big toe
the season of romance

browsing Zen
i find Nothing
special

Lev Hart

lunch break
at the cardiologist's
the smell of junk food

Ruth Holzer



Hifsa Ashraf / Oscar Luparia

local branch
of the tree service—
my call cut off

Barrie Levine

red dawn
when it should have
been blue

Jamie Wimberly

moonless night
where are the fireflies
when you need them?

Gil Jackofsky

The Alumni Meet

I never really thought I would talk to any of those present here again. But old bullies come up to me to ask if I remember them and say my name fully (with no mistake), and middle school friends still remember my landline number. From ‘you have changed’ to ‘you have not changed at all’, bridges that join new and old friendships are built.

old garage –
the mason’s footprints
covered with dust

Dhaatri Vengunad

copier's
the warmth of grandpa's
obituary

Tomislav Sjekloća

wind-tossed butterfly
an unexpected caress
on my shoulder

Cynthia Rowe

another year
away from home
plum blossoms

Mona Bedi

no gold star -
my mother's praise always
for my cousin

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

every day
for the rest of my life
a little yellow pill

turbulence
the flight attendant's
lopsided smile

the blizzard forces me inside a memoir

alphabet soup
the boy finally eats
a word he knows

Brad Bennett

five years old...
I start to school and learn
about cooties

Ed Bremson

suddenly alone ...
all the noise
the upstairs' neighbors make

mountain cabin
the long hike
to the outhouse

Joseph P. Wechselberger

rock... paper... scissors
just some of the things
he hits me with

Tracy Davidson

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finding our way
through classroom rubble
a year of war

Arvinder Kaur

Horizon Lines

estate planning

*summer cruise
the money we throw
at our boredom*

no one inherits

empty vessels
humping the dry dock
of old age

our wayback machine

*a little oil
on the old timber
riding the waves*

Peter Jastermsky

Bisshie

neon lights the pull of her gaze

Corine Timmer

brain fog
presently
in the past

Chris Langer

spring afternoon
watching life move
from the town square bench

Govind Joshi
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first day of spring—
development signs
pop up on the lawn

Wai Mei Wong

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sunshine flossing my soul

Jan Stretch

our last argument
the cabernet stain
on the carpet

John Pappas

blue light comforter
compiling tasks
to complete in bed

anne morrigan

the day of abortion-
rain bearing clouds
all over the sky

Ram Chandran

March heat —
neighbour's table fan whirring
with her salty news

Lakshmi Iyer



Sharon Martina

motel room
a bunch of roses
peeling off the wall

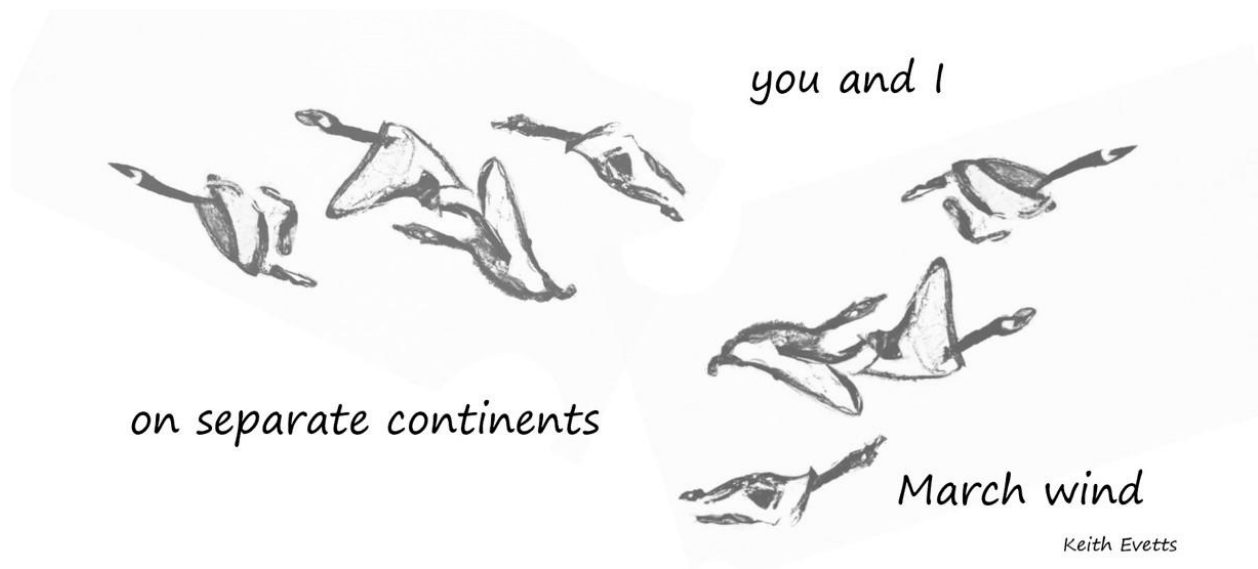
Maurice Neville

blind dinner date
I weigh the perfect timing
of my departure

Chen-ou Liu

staying loose
I hang out
with the clouds

Jenny Fraser



Keith Evetts

early spring
signs of life
in the living room

Keith Evetts

biopsy
the weight
of this waiting

C. Jean Downer

neighbors' quarrel
mother loses track
of the cooker whistles

custody battle
she swings from one banyan root
to another

Minal Sarosh

i place the key
in his outstretched hand
spring mist

Bernadette O'Reilly

evening road
emptiness
not just mine

John Zheng

evening sun
my order of fries
left untouched

Goran Lowie
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flood warning
extra folds
in my origami boat

Kath Abela Wilson

walking through walls

when i leave this body. all the electrons that are me will be
free at last. and then the title of his haibun will be so very
true.

civil war cemetery
all the spirits
have wooden names

Mike Rehling

cashing checks at heavens bar

my bodhisattva walks behind me and as i pick up my pace
slowly disappears in the fog. cold air over the lake has
removed the living truth from my sight. i turn into a
wooden door with a small window that opens to a room lit
mostly by neon ads for beer. i purchase delusion and drink
myself slowly into a smile.

the path...
not as narrow
as the blinders i wear

Mike Rehling

a bee crashes her wedding bouquet

Eavonka Ettinger

5 am
no snooze button
on a seagull

Amanda White

midnight coffee
this poem won't
write itself

Kerry J Heckman
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safe space the space in the corner

Mark Gilbert

in the cemetery
at the foot of Jesus...
cigarette butts

Jeffrey Walthall

sisters' reunion
the blender's roar drowns
the laughter

Stephenie Story

nightingale song
the washing machine
on pause

Sébastien Revon

half asleep...
awakened by my
own chuckle

John J. Han

burnt toast
what he remembers
about our marriage

Baisali Chatterjee Dutt

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the cost
of living
funeral arrangements

Rich Schilling

withered bouquet
something he did
something he didn't do

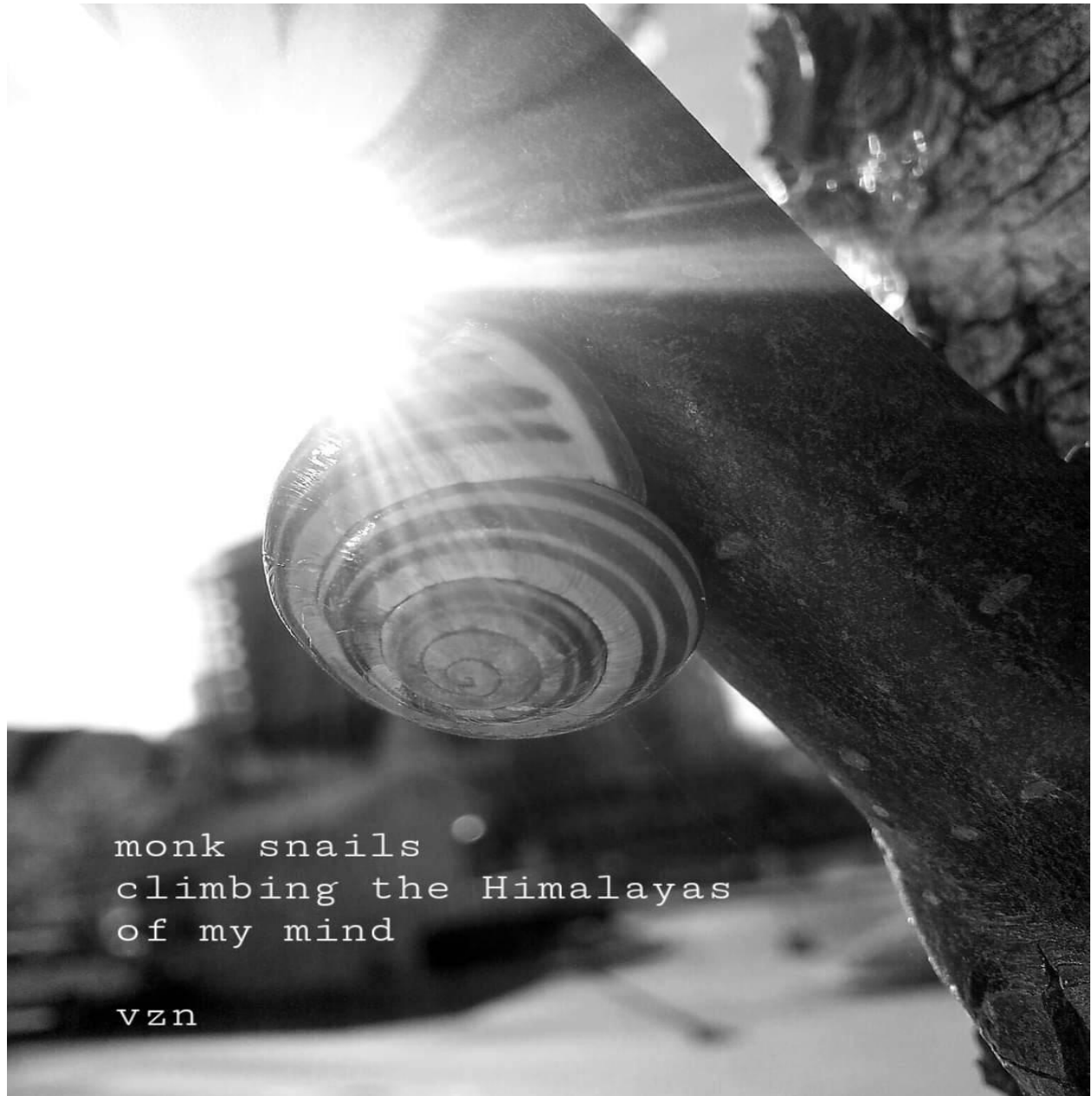
Maureen Kingston

opening buds
my daughter's first
pepper spray

Irina Guliaeva

crop circle a scarecrow at the square root of pi

Veronika Zora Novak



monk snails
climbing the Himalayas
of my mind

vzn

Veronika Zora Novak

plum blossom
the light weight
of silence

Christopher Calvin

March madness
attending classmates' funerals
one after another

Francis W. Alexander

1 like less of a loser

Susan Burch

pouring rain ...
more philosophy
on the couch

B.A. France

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a stack of sticky notes
removing those that say
I love you

Tyler McIntosh

rush hour traffic
a coyote
changes lanes

Jacob Blumner

half-naked
in the bay window
my neighbor's tree

Mark Forrester

first child
moments of panic
about nothing

Sherry Grant

lukewarm coffee
the dog spreads out
between us

Erin Castaldi

zoom reading . . .
butterflies in my
peripheral vision

Sue Courtney

the randomness
of my thoughts
--slug trail

Nancy Brady

all my puns
bottoming out
colonoscopy

P. H. Fischer

in my dream
a haiku
I forget upon waking

Mary McCormack
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public transportation strike...
my little son worries
the tooth fairy might not come

Maya Daneva

second marriage bigger closet

LeRoy Gorman



Kris Kondo

waiting outside the door
the guests who arrived



too early

Kris Kondo

homesick
a *Lonely Planet* guide
to my country

Alvin B. Cruz

nourished
by personal grievances
bird droppings

Sondra J. Byrnes

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