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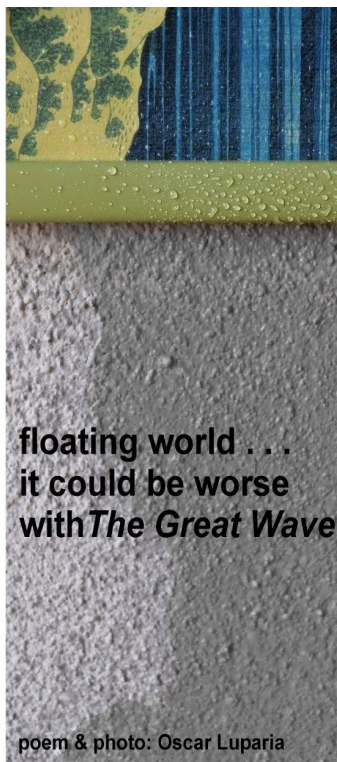


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Cast List

In order of appearance

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Susan Farner
Chen Xiaoou
Richard Tindall
John Pappas
Ingrid Baluchi
Roberta Beach Jacobson
Jenn Ryan-Jauregui
Deborah Karl-Brandt
Cynthia Anderson
Patrick Sweeney
Lakshmi Iyer
Ravi Kiran
Alice Wanderer
Michelle V. Alkerton
Tony Williams
Randy Brooks
Daya Bhat
Oscar Luparia
Ramund Ro
John J. Dunphy
Jerome Berglund
Rick Jackofsky
Mike Fainzilber
John Hawkhead
Robert Erlandson

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Patricia Hawkhead
Jack A. Pedziwiater
Herb Tate
C.X. Turner
Neena Singh
Sangita Kalarickal
John Zheng
John J. Han
Daniela Misso
Robert Witmer
Christa Pandey
Steve Bahr
Mark Forrester
Katherine E Winnick
Laurie Greer
Adele Evershed
Steph Zepherelli
Deborah Burke Henderson
Lina Papanicolaou
Jan Stretch
Tim Cremin
Joanna Ashwell
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Robert Kingston
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Tracy Davidson
Lori Kiefer
Barrie Levine
Debbie Strange
Cynthia Rowe
Mike Rehling
Susan Burch
Keith Evetts
Mona Bedi
Claire Vogel Camargo
Janet Ruth
Eavonka Ettinger
Joshua St. Claire
Mariel Herbert
Valentina Ranaldi-Adams
Wilda Morris
Rob McKinnon
Richard Tice
Cristina Angelescu
Allyson Whipple**

the impressions
of water lilies
a frog jumps

Three Musicians
Euclid's if-thens
lost in space

Susan Farner

Beijing Opera
a man falls in love
with an actor

Chen Xiaoou

becoming night
the teen's voice breaks
into Blue Moon

Richard Tindall

losing ourselves
the fresco's flaking
faces

holding up
your part of the bargain
sunflowers

John Pappas

another Guernica
the least possible gloss
in painting Bucha

opening the window
to its soul
Dürer's young hare

Kandinsky
round and round in circles
i fail geometry

Ingrid Baluchi

pastels on the easel . . .
after her death
all I have

blue sound fades in spite of the sky

Roberta Beach Jacobson

soup can
my sudden craving
for grilled cheese

awakening
sticky to the touch
orchid petals

Jenn Ryan-Jauregui
Twitter Handle @jennfel

a pair of magpies
again she tells him how
lucky they are

bitter cold
more cherished than before
the folded crane

morning dew ...
the hottest parts
of the book

Deborah Karl-Brandt

swirling stars
the death it takes
to reach them

Cynthia Anderson

million-dollar Urinal cakes are free

Almighty electrical arcing Adam's lackadaisical finger

Da-Da-Da-DUM the wax in Beethoven's ear trumpet

Patrick Sweeney

history museum
the bloodshed swords put to rest
in red velvet case

peacock blue spreadsheet
the ocean sleeps
with me

Lakshmi Iyer

sidewalk café
stirring the stars
in a coffee cup

stabbing the stillness at dusk a scream

air raid
a dead man and his pills
on the hospice floor

Ravi Kiran

Public Statues

*Swan Lake –
the perfumed press
of the chattering crowd*

No longer positioned as gatekeeper of the Arts Centre, she stands, these days, tucked away by a pillar. A life-sized bronze. Plainly dressed. Frumpy, even. But then there's the smile lines. They curve extravagantly from her eyes down to her chin and up to above her eyebrows. Both arms are raised in a gesture of joyful welcome. From the crook of her left elbow hangs a shallow basket. Five freshly cut roses with stems of differing lengths.

Denizen of Frankston. Hands on philanthropist. Mother of Anne, financial backer of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Mother of Rupert, global force for plutocratic politics. Matriarch of a sprawling dynasty. Apparently one of evolution's winners. Dame Elizabeth Murdoch AC DBE.

wings aloft
a black swan reveals
white flight feathers

Alice Wanderer

each in our own silence fingers tapping

lives in high def
aging together
our edges blur

Michelle V. Alkerton

runny eggs
his watercolour sun
setting

N₂O
the cavalier
never used it

pleased with himself....
the one who made
a bigger splash

Tony Williams

shoe untied
the comforting brushstrokes
of Van Gogh

Mona, Mona Lisa eyes
her pandemic
hair cut

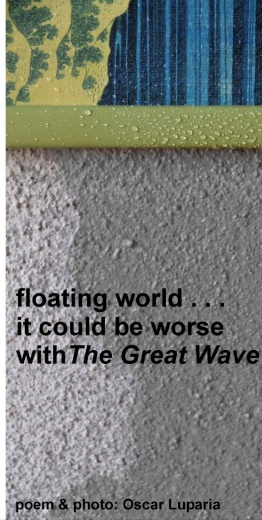
candle flickering glow
the mother cradles
her too still child

Randy Brooks

whirlwind
the scream enters
the coda

the half smile
begins to hurt
mona lisa

Daya Bhat



Oscar Luparia

La Grande Jatte
connecting the dots
frozen in time

Nighthawks
the words vanish
into dark places

Ramund Ro

pawn shop
fidgeting girl points to
her pearl earring

crossing the Delaware
crossing the Rio Grande
one does what one must do

John J. Dunphy

lithium crystals the final frontier

flowers float down
the river's swift current;
peasant child dredged

Jerome Berglund

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deep grooves
etched in lacquer
hill country blues

kintsugi—
the scarred face
of a stray cat

Rick Jackofsky
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through the thin places
the war
and the singer

Mike Fainzilber

Twitter: @MFainzilber

Untitled
*(a black-edged box
they'll put me into)*

woodblock prints
where the carver
passed through

tell-tale clouds
Constable makes another
arrest

John Hawkhead
Twitter: @HawkheadJohn



Robert Erlandson

<https://www.circlepublications.net/>

all that he says spikes in a dream

mistakenly praising the black dahlia

a heart out of my hands winter sea

Richa Sharma

empty space
on a gallery wall
framing my loss

mask on a far wall
a grey image of cold ceramic
my sleeping husband

Patricia Hawkhead

turning on the light
don't know who was more frightened
the cockroach or me

Jack A. Pedziwiater

shedboatshed
floating ideas
for a change

Master-Stroke:
the cut that stops
at nothing

Herb Tate

Twitter: @HerbTate5

agency work—
harvesting less than her worth

how we ended
flower thrower

bridging lies
ratted out
under CCTV

C.X. Turner
Twitter: @lover__poetic

tints of yellow:
he seeds
sunflowers in me

sfumato
her faint smile
of eternal fame

the glow in grandson's eyes starry starry night

Neena Singh
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news in the letter
gainsborough clouds
billow onto her

Khajuraho
his first tryst
with the Sutra

Sangita Kalarickal

heavy blue
the old guitar
out of tune

discord out of ear out of mind

John Zheng

wine lover
he recounts Jesus'
first miracle

John J. Han

the feast is over ...
chickens roam freely
in my slumber

a fresh puddle ...
I jump in
clouds moving

Monet's pond ...
in my reflection
a goldfish

Daniela Misso

adam on the ceiling
fingering his god
j'accuse

temple ruins
a spring wind awakens
marble curtains

Leonardo mixing paint
the eye
before the smile

Robert Witmer

two men's hands
dipping their bread in the bowl
the great betrayal

magnified
purple petunias
open your eyes

Christa Pandey

abstract painting
I turn the canvas
right side up

power pole nest
Pollock splatters
paint the sidewalk

Steve Bahr

a stranger's name
beneath my face
the black marble

hollowing out
his own chest—
tubercular patient

Rothko's chapel—
I close my eyes
to stare

Mark Forrester

<http://buddha-rat.squarespace.com/>

morning tears
the gallery shows her face
to the crowd

Katherine E Winnick

his sharp eye—
papering the wall
with pin oaks

woman with amphora...
a spill
of late fruit

Laurie Greer

purple rain...
the gentle fall
of Mom's eyelids

the cypress
sometimes dances with the stars—
bipolar disorder

frost bitten
all my unanswered questions
left in the woods...

Adele Evershed

ticking metronome dancers wait for the pianist

painting *Moonlight Sonata*
a child's baton

Steph Zepherelli

white on white
her heart listens to his
tremulous voice

prism of fear
breathing into the depth of
a Rothko canvas

Deborah Burke Henderson

www.DeborahBurkeHenderson.com

graveyard shift —
an ambulance
slows at the light

Linda Papanicolaou



Georgia O'Keeffe, New York Street with Moon, 1925, Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid

Lina Papanicolaou

stardust a molecule of forever in me

lighting the night all the stars we cannot see

Jan Stretch

blue period
The Old Guitarist
stirs up a new song

art instruction
Grapefruit open
to a random page

Tim Cremin

blinking away
never really
losing the clouds

me to you
then round again
a mockingbird sings

Joanna Ashwell

the online photo
nothing
like his mug shot

Mona Lisa's smile
listening
to Nat King Cole

Marsh Muirhead

just squares
the Sixties
in black'n'white

Mark Gilbert

my heart flip-flopping
John Cage's 4'33" loud
and louder ...

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evening rain
the notes the blues man
doesn't play

art class the figure drawing me in

turning 50 shades of grey

Bryan Rickert

Van Gogh's daffodils
I tilt my head to be seen
in a group photo

the dove of peace
Picasso's brushstrokes
in the cirrus clouds

Jackie Chou

dead end street —
a pair of wild turkeys wander
into their own Picasso

*everything is broken
except my tight connection
to your heart*

Robert Epstein

beach combing two of us seven samurai

June deluge —
under beached rainbows
I'm bootshod with Moses

Tim Roberts

the great wave after she's gone still hanging

yellow bedroom
how he made the bed
before he painted it

The Birth of Venus
she opens the hatch
to the space station

Kath Abela Wilson

curves of the Buddha
after Duchamp
I see a urinal

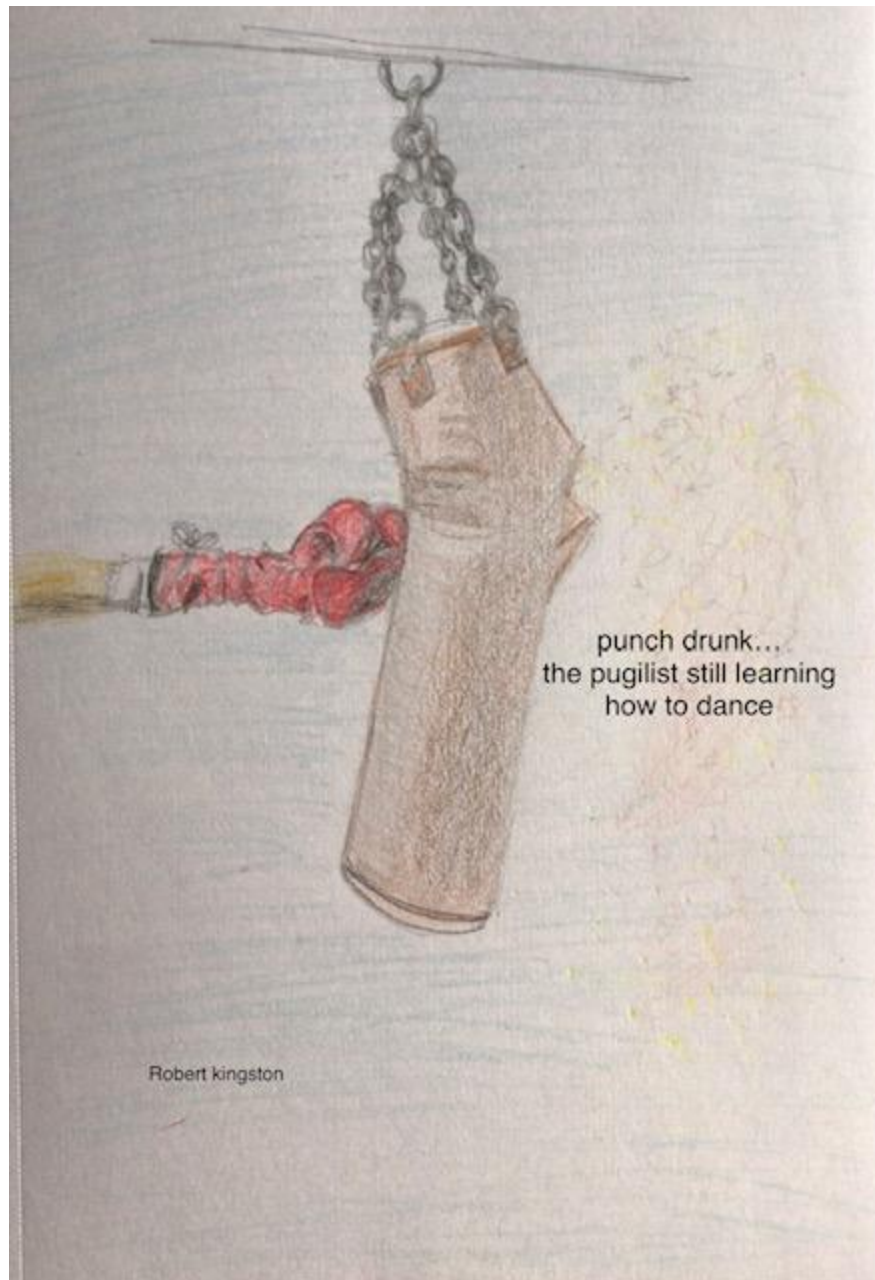
Simon Wilson

lonely people at the bar hung over the mantel

melting clocks
we second guess
our decision

pearl earring
another woman
called a girl

Kerry J Heckman
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Robert Kingston

that sure *looks* like a pipe

next picnic

y'all can have the fois gras
and we'll wear the clothes

Peter Larsen

this girl
places her pierced pearl elsewhere...
my picture x-rated

lovers in their bubbles
the wise owl
knows the price of sin

Tracy Davidson

half moon ...
the longing
to be seen

Lori Kiefer

eleven lines
in the Matisse nude
who's counting?

museum afternoon
lost in the silence
of yesterday

Barrie Levine



Debbie Strange

strolling
between two points
a clump of earth

uplift . . .
I miss our rendezvous
to view the Perseids

Cynthia Rowe
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pastels
on the factory floor
imaginary sweat

the postman
not frowning or smiling
just the mail

Mike Rehling

janet jackson the lion the witch and the wardrobe malfunction

politics the wheels on the bus go round and round

Susan Burch

Still Life

gallery visitors
craning their necks
to view Modigliani

*a disturbance in the force
van Gogh*

halfway across the bridge
Miss Munch remembers
where she left her purse

*mill workers
unable to afford
an L S Lowry*

whether to cash a brick
signed by Banksy

*straws in the wind
the relevance of crows
in a wheatfield*

Keith Evetts

Monet's rain the how and why of my existence

Mona Bedi

clay sculpture
the asymmetry
of her anguish

(remembering Gina)

Claire Vogel Camargo

beneath this sun
even my shadow is twisted
the shredding wind

Janet Ruth

<https://redstartsandravens.com/janets-poetry/>

long grasses
the struggle to find
herself

early summer
the swirling madness
of a captured night

Eavonka Ettinger

Paul Klee
a boy arranges
fallen leaves

le bonheur de vivre
a few fireflies
then darkness

Atlas
a heron's back
pressed to the sky

Joshua St. Claire

grandma's questions
a magnolia tree
in motion

final proof
of her beauty
exploded star

Mariel Herbert

Piet Mondrian
the painting's This Side Up
label is missing

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

Marilyn Marilyn Marilyn
Marilyn Marilyn Marilyn
Marilyn Marilyn Marilyn

saddled with time
i still remember
your touch

Wilda Morris
wildamorris.blogspot.com

fleecy sky—
passengers watching
warm meadowsweet

funnel cloud...
the roar of her return
before the rage

Rob McKinnon

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50th high school reunion
the Vitruvian Man
nowhere to be found

talking flower heads
her first
picture book

Richard Tice



Cristina Angelescu

Prince on the jukebox . . .
all the dances
we'll never have

not so blue circling the artificial lake

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