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**Rick Jackofsky**  
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**Randy Brooks**  
**Petra Schmidt**  
**Ryan McCarty**  
**Scott Wiggerman**  
**Wanda Amos**  
**Michael Henry Lee**  
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**Joanna Ashwell**  
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**Ron Scully**  
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**Jenny Thompson**  
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**LeRoy Gorman**  
**Mark Forrester**  
**Alvin Cruz**  
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**Marsh Muirhead**

**Tim Cremin**  
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**Hans C. Dringenberg**  
**Timothy Daly**  
**Susan Yavaniski**  
**Mircea Moldovan**  
**Lorin Ford**  
**Tina Mowrey**  
**Stephenie Story**  
**Lee Strong**

**John J. Han**  
**David Oates**

garden snail  
the slow trail I leave  
on this earth

**Jackie Chou**

feeding ducks  
my thoughts  
less charitable

**John Pappas**



hourglass  
I ponder the time  
allotted to me

I swat a fly  
mindfully—  
Buddha Purnima

**Neena Singh**

family picnic  
under the influence  
of cherry blossoms

**Debbie Strange**

Twitter: @Debbie\_Strange

what the thief left behind:  
my old dog and wall-to-wall  
poetry books

**Chen-ou Liu**

non-stop drizzle  
kookaburras on my porch  
remind me to laugh

middle age  
comparing notes  
on our husbands' grumpiness

**Louise Hopewell**

dust bunnies  
under the bed  
year of the rabbit

**Charles Harmon**

snapped kite string  
neither parent can source  
my middle name

**Richard L. Matta**

sunday walk  
people move quickly  
around the beggar

**Oscar Luparia**

blessings journal  
all filled up  
with her boy's scribbles

**Joshua St. Claire**



survey login  
I think twice before I tick  
I'm not a robot

bathroom mirror  
wiping once before bath  
once after

**Srinivasa Rao Sambangi**

on the way to traffic court a speeding ticket

**Ruth Holzer**

green with envy  
the other hiker finds  
a lucky clover

**JL Huffman**

wedding vows  
the flower girl's  
"I do"

**Valorie Broadhurst Woerdehoff**

no clear answer . . .  
my mother's spatula  
back and forth

old blue car  
the trick to starting  
a talk with dad

**Chad Lee Robinson**

wild swimming  
another wave  
of raw sewage

near-miss asteroid  
sometimes I wish  
it wouldn't miss

**Tracy Davidson**

my turn  
to pay  
migrating geese

**Mike Montreuil**

gate  
to the Buddha's garden  
no fence

**Gil Jackofsky**



peace lily  
the house and I  
grow older

**Susan Lee Roberts**

combing my hair on days she's happy without him  
before leaving he gives me a certificate of goodness  
mother's bridal necklace  
how different will it be  
for me  
silky voice he wrongly thinks I am obedient

**Richa Sharma**

shadowy mangroves . . .  
watching the crocodile  
watching me

a gull flies off  
with my cheesy pizza  
island getaway

**Cynthia Rowe**

lonely night  
sitting on the porch  
with my moon shadow

**Bernard Gieske**

misplacing a day  
I go back  
to manual

**Jenny Fraser**

30th anniversary  
our towels  
half as plush

it's not  
in the dictionary...  
daydream sky

we speak of  
impending operations  
maple blossoms

**Brad Bennett**

sleeping with  
both eyes open  
rescued cat

**Eavonka Ettinger**

parsley flakes  
what remains of you  
in your old pot

**Anthony Lusardi**



dawn mirror  
grandma struggles  
with her nosepin

**Daipayan Nair**

Vietnam veteran---  
complains of the cramps he got  
pushing pens at work

street food---  
later the vendor recommends  
an antidote

**Gautam Nadkarni**

spring cleaning  
we dust off  
an old argument

**Andrew Markowski**

how to let go...  
traipsing home alone  
in grave-digger rain

night train  
scenes from an old movie  
we flicker through

**John Hawkhead**  
Twitter: @HawkheadJohn

pregnancy test even the cat knows

**Roberta Beach Jacobson**

Twitter: @beach\_haiku

grey day  
I dye  
my hair blue

**Jan Stretch**

50th reunion  
the photographer asks us  
to lift our chins

**Caroline Giles Banks**

fishing for love  
my net  
comes up empty

**Bonnie J Scherer**



water rushing the funeral flowers

through the dark sometimes the safety of wild dogs

**Ranice Tara**

arriving home. . .  
a pinecone heart  
at her doorstep

**William Scott Galasso**

empty moon...  
the singer's voice enough  
to fill the street

**Steliana Cristina Voicu**

Instagram: @steliana\_voicu

did I insult her?  
rain playing loudly  
with the mud

**Andrew Terrell**

how blue was once  
my favorite color  
then the accident

**Claire Vogel Camargo**

flood--  
we pull the scarecrow  
into the lifeboat

**Eugeniusz Zacharski**

divorce papers -  
I find  
a found poem

**Ram Chandran**

Christmas lights become  
party lights  
summer evening

**Nancy Brady**



hospital room  
she adjusts her  
unexisting hair

**Irina Guliaeva**

first date  
the silence and sushi  
between us

blood draw she asks which is my good arm

**Kerry J Heckman**  
Twitter: @kerryjwriter

mixed messages  
geese fly past  
their honking  
lingers

**Bob Nimmo**

stifling heat  
a small child  
pressing every button

**Tony Williams**

coming back  
to myself -  
merely one breath

**Eva Joan**

marshmallows  
the elasticity  
of sorrow

**Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo**

alphabet soup–  
feeding words  
to my feelings

**Allison Douglas-Tourner**

bus station toilet  
the cockroach clinging  
to a cigarette butt

Pluto and me  
always on the outside  
looking in

**Bryan Rickert**



humming along  
with the motel ice machine  
long haul truckers

**Rick Jackofsky**

crisis line  
giving fake names  
to real problems

**Anne Morrigan**

college graduate  
his fortune cookie  
blank

**Randy Brooks**

guilt splurge--  
a long line at  
the french fries stand

**Petra Schmidt**

couch-bound  
after surgery  
another episode

**Ryan McCarty**

day after day  
discovering myself  
in stray petals

sneeze  
in the underpass  
filling the silence

**Scott Wiggerman**

watching you  
watching me  
watching

**Wanda Amos**

dad's old comforter  
as good as it gets  
these last twenty years

playdough  
my ongoing attempt  
to make amends

second childhood  
rekindling all her  
imaginary friendships

**Michael Henry Lee**



first snowflakes  
the scarecrow looks up  
at the sky

**Antonio Mangiameli**

summer frost  
the chance meeting  
of an ex

**Joanna Ashwell**

anticlimax  
not enough whipped cream  
for the cake

**Stephanie Zepherelli**

autumn puzzle  
10,000 fallen leaves  
not one fits

**Ron Scully**

late life--  
the forgetfulness  
of skin

second thoughts  
the origami  
unfolds

a new year--  
taking everything out  
for a walk

those emails  
in the draft folder--  
all night rain

**Sondra J. Byrnes**

humans waste away  
in their dull 9 to 5s while  
robots pen poems

**Jenny Thompson**

crowded beach  
a tattooed momma in  
a bikini I think

first date...  
the cat hisses  
at his toupee

**Carol Raisfeld**

fall fling  
*O Henry* she moans  
*the last leaf*

**LeRoy Gorman**



lilac blossoms—  
my wife strolls  
into the neighbor's yard

**Mark Forrester**

shaking the snow globe  
another visa  
denied

**Alvin Cruz**

after the action movie  
a newfound swagger  
in his walk

**Barry George**

the last suitcase  
around and around  
not mine

**Marsh Muirhead**

work promotion  
the aggressions  
getting less micro

**Tim Cremin**

flax field  
the retiree throws away  
all his blue overalls

**Françoise Maurice**

couch potatoes  
only the eyes  
moving...

after the rain  
letting the lilies sprout  
from my cracks

late fall  
the cathartic release  
of my bra

**Adele Evershed**

the apples  
forgotten in the tree -  
doctor's visit

**Ana Drobot**



volunteering  
more than time . . .  
community garden

**C.X. Turner**

Twitter @lover\_\_poetic

wanting more of you Clingstone peach

**Susan Burch**

home from Afghanistan still finding their feet

**Erin Castaldi**

looking down  
to place my feet  
missed sunset

**Janet Ruth**

in memoriam  
I listen to music  
the cat would have liked

**Cynthia Anderson**

apology bouquet  
more purple  
than she wished for

**Luminita Suse**

full moon  
I reinvent  
the wheel

pharmacy queue the incurable gossips

**Keith Evetts**

the broken aerial  
still receives  
your silence

**Colin Dardis**

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high tide  
a boat's for-sale sign  
out to sea

**Bob Lucky**

salmon sky  
you can't  
go home again

**Jay Friedenberg**

down the aisle  
I follow her perfume  
to find a stranger

**William Hise**

Twitter: @WilliamHHise

confessional—  
the priest begins  
to snore

**Richard Jordan**

rainy day commute  
a canoe on the roof  
of a Hyundai

**Shawn Blair**

paper plane  
the note reaches the teacher  
instead

**Baisali Chatterjee Dutt**

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frosty evening walk  
in each lit window  
a life

spring weeds  
the mystery  
of my children

**Hans C. Dringenberg**

late night  
the irony  
of the “refresh” button

boxing  
the urge to check  
my inbox

**Timothy Daly**  
Twitter: @philalz



security updates  
testing the rebound  
of my rubberband ball

tattoo parlor  
the shopfront Buddha  
bares his pristine arms

**Susan Yavaniski**

lockdown  
the vegan diet  
for parrot

**Mircea Moldovan**

farmyard geese --  
...I keep  
my distance

**Lorin Ford**

a tangle of ivy  
getting caught up  
in the details

**Tina Mowrey**

arriving home  
I climb the stairs  
to loneliness

**Stephenie Story**

replaying her voice  
on the answering machine  
Christmas morning

**Lee Strong**

sweet revenge...  
my former boss asks  
me for favors

**John J. Han**

all over his skin  
the last of the soap  
they used to share

**David Oates**



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