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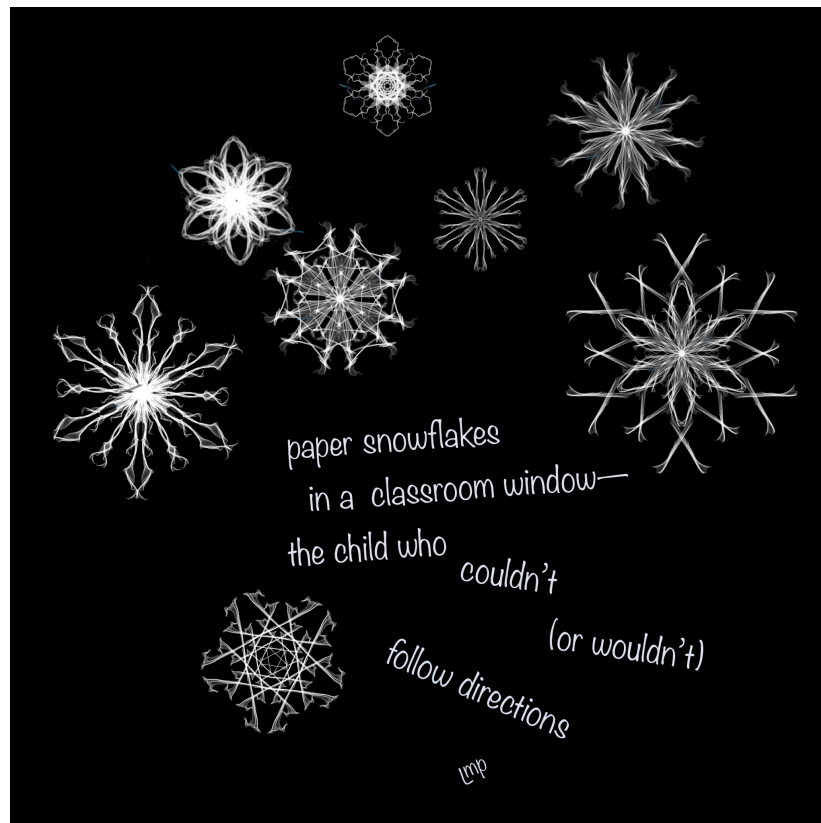


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Indira Iyer
Mark Teafora
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John Stevenson
Sharon Walter
Susan Yavaniski
Florence Heyhoe

comet tail
a meerkat calls me
to prayer

Françoise Maurice

<https://www.essence-d-iris.com>

Ganesha's Moon—
losing another piece of me
to the slapstick

wintering my dog-eared atlas shrinks into the landscape of me

skin on coffee—
the bitter aftertaste
of my lost argument

crooked path
the politicians' latest flip-flops

Rashmi VeSa

election news
adding more sugar
to my coffee

family reunion—
everyone swearing
they're the normal one

stationery store—
since my last visit
nothing has moved

Mark Forrester

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

insult to injury
her dear john letter
written in comic sans

holiday rain
I jump in the pool
before I get wet

marital breakdown
I should have never eaten
those plums

thomas david

dive bar
the salty language
of an aged parrot

facing the past . . .
the gentle sway
of the train's last car

curious how many
received a return
wishing well

beauty pageant
a Survivor fan
makes fire for her talent

Joseph P. Wechselberger

delayed and canceled
the metaphysical quality
of our journey

insomnia
climbing the stairs
from within

Emil Karla

sniffing a cantaloupe
the missing
umbilical cord

what are the odds?
milkweed angels sent
pod by pod

poetry reading
she probably thinks this senryu
is about her

Randy Brooks

perfectly framed
in black-and-white
a practical life

snap decision
filling the honey jar
with your ashes

Stephanie Zepherelli

trail map
the legend's lack
of bear scat

strolling
through an art gallery
my fart on display

three-quarter moon
a monk tells us
he's enlightened

Nicholas Klacsanzky

retired cop
the jigsaw puzzle
left in pieces

Ron Scully

as sure as I dream
i am an astronaut
and an osprey

ramshackle barn
sunbeams play
while they can

John C. Waugh

first interview
the boss's fish tank
full of piranha

Anthony Lusardi

on the way
to local tavern—
closed eyes buddha

insomnia
night jasmine wafts fragrance
for me alone

Ram Chandran

winter perfume
the snow she brings
into her room

Vladislav Hristov

the sunny days
going up in smoke
logs in the hearth

Marcellin Dallaire-Beaumont

midwinter
piercing our dreams
a howling wind

Audrey Quinn

its shadow
still on these fields
jim crow

caught in a lie
the therapist says
she read my book

marriage counseling the lumps in the loveseat

marital dispute
second guessing my gift
of a good knife

Bryan Rickert

back to standard time
an extra hour
to love you

new identity card
it's always me
the one in the picture

Oscar Luparia

https://archive.org/details/@oscar_luparia

vintage shop
she lingers in
another life

unpaid bills
the drip of the tap
in a dark kitchen

C.X. Turner

she only speaks
in absolutes
half-dead juniper

my contribution to the storm a whisper

blush wine
they ask us to join them
in the hot tub

Joshua St. Claire

scrolling back
through the winter issue
gently falling poems

Mary Ann Conley

bats on the porch
a welcome mat
of centipede parts

all the delusions
of the day
social media

Alanna C. Burke

family reunion even our bearded iris

endless hours
of shadow boxing
housefly

Margaret Tau

a lull
the barista pours over
his phone

Bob Stewart

midtown traffic
the rhythmic honking
of a tenor saxophone

Rick Jackofsky

fifty shades of grey
we spend hours pairing
school socks

Ben Oliver

large Zen kit
peace and harmony
ten percent off

Thomas Smith

broken bangles
she is yet to pick up
the pieces

indoctrination
her Facebook page sings
praises of her husband

black eye
she tells the neighbours
it was an accident

Sandra Martyres

car boot sale
a chance to reincarnate
lost soles

Tony Steven Williams

new neighbor—
a banana slug ladders
the common wall

calla lily—
the spike of his words
scar deep

ruby-red dangler
in the dresser—
just one

Neena Singh

mountain ascent
these golden years
without you

*~dedicated to my father
who has been a widower
for the last 38 years*

in her sunglasses
the flight of a bird
behind me

late into
the office night
cricket and I

Ravi Kiran

reverse parking
filling the mirror
my buried past

Patricia Hawkhead

pen name
my alter ego
even bigger

tinkling the ivories
a long white row
of urinals

mistletoe dance
round and round
goes the herpes

John Hawkhead

Her lip augmentation
So alluring
To certain fish

Tom Gorzycki

mirror talk
telling the other me
we've got this

Joanna Ashwell

zombie dance party
the prize for best costume
a no-brainer

Louise Hopewell

<https://louisehopewellwriter.wordpress.com>

guided meditation
falling deeper and deeper
into his accent

if they had their way Hetero sapiens

Vandana Parashar

a full moon
through the blinds
a cat's yellow eye

twists and turns
the adagio ballet
of a fallen leaf

Marilyn Ward

family Christmas . . .
more absence
than presents

fairytale love . . .
her snow-white hair
his beanstalk build

time change . . .
an extra hour
of insomnia

Anne Fox

dressing her age
 the old oak sheds
 red and yellow

 well-worn path
 the prayer learned
 as a child

John Pappas

a cat
purple and blue
my inner child's art

Manon Tessier

class reunion
nothing to offer that could
best her baby

autumn saffron
this space left empty
for her urn

grandma's dementia
the other half of the moon
forever dark

Deborah Karl-Brandt

sleepless again . . .
a patch of moonlight inches
its way to my dog

climate emergency
wildfire smoke binds together
red and blue states

Chen-ou Liu

<http://chenouliu.blogspot.com>

atrial fibrillation
the doctor's diagnosis
a muggy summer day

Edward Dewar

orchid mantis
that split second before
enlightenment

Michael Henry Lee

all night long
moonlight casts out
my self-denial

turning away from God mountain wind

waiting for you
to leave my mind
cloudless sky

Richa Sharma

another year of war
his laughter still echoes
on the edge of ashes

circular path
I stumble over things
I threw behind me

Fatma Zohra Habis

standing among
the white crosses
a toddler salutes

one candle
outshines the darkness
last goodbye

lost marbles . . .
acorns
will do just fine

Deborah Burke Henderson

www.DeborahBurkeHenderson.com

passing on
what she didn't intend
bulimia

mixed in
the pasta sauce
her laughter

Dave Reynolds

it's still
a hard no—
inflatable Santa

park bench
three widows compare
their failing hearts

Tony Williams

updated brochures
of haunted castle tours . . .
all self-guided

Christine Wenk-Harrison

carving our initials
in the pine tree
my chisel rusts overnight

Dennis Owen Frohlich

moon in the well
wishing
on someone else's dime

Laurie Greer

claw machine
grasping
at air

1%
only the worst dressers
admitted

fascism:
in traditional currency
or crypto?

Jerome Berglund
[@BerglundJerome](https://twitter.com/BerglundJerome)

plastic flowers
in a bowl of water
assisted living

Ruth Holzer

mimosa flowers
from across the bar
she winks at me

Gordon Gearhart

sleepless night—
editing anew the list
of good intentions

household drudgery
with its never-ending chores . . .
restocking the bar

Natalia Kuznetsova

country road
waiting for the bus
—for hours

Pitt Buerken

pine box
not just
for dead things

afterlife
hoping for a full
head of hair

back in the box
warmongers worldwide
if only

Robert Epstein

swirling koi sun glistens on our lens

a mist
of Vapor Rub
Mom's love

the narrow path
to the river bank—
blocked by old age

Shasta Hatter

pregnancy test
the moon realigns
the stars

farewell letter
stained with the ink
of her tears

hospital release
home in time to see
the wattle bloom

Cynthia Rowe

www.cynthiarowe.com.au

dappled sunlight
I avoid eye contact
with her ex-paramour

wedding feast—
her gaze fixes upon
my potbelly

Manoj Sharma

my old heart
loathes many people—
loves this wren

~inspired by Masaoka Shiki

Tim Dwyer

insomnia—
I keep going back
for the missing sheep

Paul Callus

lonely beach walk
the waves replay
old conversations

shell collection
holding the songs
of my childhood

the scent of roses
filling the room
with your absence

Annie Wilson

opening
a fortune cookie
... disbelief

she asks for
another high five
... road tripping

B.A. France
[@b a france](#)

cherry blossoms
bringing all the poets
to the yard

Adam ribbed for Eve's pleasure

slumping
after the election
yard signs

petro c. k.

birthday mourning
mother's
forgetmenots

Tonya L. Hall

election year
turkey vultures
hang in the air

Marilyn Ashbaugh

every day year zero i swallow a rainbow

cracked mirror
the war nearer
than i thought

Steve Black

the sticky bits
on my electric range—
true grit

camera set to
panorama—the world
at my fingertips

the grind
of everyday life . . .
drip
drip
drip

Bonnie J Scherer

overnight delivery
a box of kittens
outside the post office

naked mannequins
the priest hurries past
a third time

a child alone
on the courthouse bench
cat's cradle

Eric Sundquist

renovations gone wrong
choking
on the wishbone

Kelly Sargent

morning train
school children wave
from the rooftop

modern tourist
the lost art
of map folding

Susan Farner

rising prices . . .
my husband will finally
lose weight

chicory . . .
the bitter aftertaste
of her words

Rosa Maria Di Salvatore

making
things perfect
first step to a cluster fuck

the syncopation
of blue
winter lakeshore

if i could fly
i would shit only
on birds

lacking
a spot in websters
i am free to be me

incense burning
i take this moment
to let a fart

distracting
the geese at the shore
i shout an obscenity

the safest
thing we can do
is die
and yet
we seem to fear it

Michael Rehling

plop
in the beginning
was a croak

after virtue what do i do

there's enough me for another moment

fermions
between us words
spinning

Vijay Prasad

moving home
letters from my mother
labelled fragile

quarter moon
rummaging in my handbag
for small change

riverside path
we put the world to rights
one stone at a time

Lori Kiefer

beaver moon
one damn thing
after another

snake handlers . . .
the sting
of original sin

Nancy Brady

[nbsmithblog...random digressions and musings](#)

produce market
the freshness
of the pickle vendor

Shawn Blair

blurred vision ten toes and counting

Susan King

hunters
hidden in the shadows
shooting the breeze

flowerbed
my lover on a summer day
dressed in song

a shoestring
the bow
on our budget

Robert Witmer

surround sound
in my bedroom
crickets

Diana Davison

daisies growing
from a rocky ledge
her last poems

Louise Carson

a flock of blackbirds
dots the baseball field
no one on first

Michael Minassian

<https://michaelminassian.com>

neighbor's tomatoes
the comfort
of small favors

dust speck in his eye
the price he paid
for hoping

Colette Kern

winter moon—
you have the right
to remain silent

Adrian Bouter

horse show
a widower grandstands
for the widow

the plane flies
in a holding pattern . . .
my life

Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

family tree—
from its dense foliage
i snip a few leaves

Rupa Anand

moving-in day
nothing but shadow stains
of absent paintings

Ingrid Baluchi

summer storm
the sailor's wife hangs out
layers of clouds

toddler girl
attempting her precarious steps
winter sun

Radostina Dragostinova

annoys me
annoys me not
annoys me
annoys me
annoys me

after eden the taste of apricots

pall bearer
one cold
six pack

para.taxis.one.last.kiss

Lee Gurga

girl's night out
our party of six
dwindles to two

tattered address book
the names and numbers
of deceased friends

Stephenie Story

class curriculum—
a child draws
outside the lines

gas station—
I hold in a fart
near a stranger

grandpa's voice
the texture of granola
in yogurt

Jacob D. Salzer

high wind warning the prodigal's return

the sky out of breath wildfire smoke

Cynthia Anderson

www.cynthiaandersonpoet.com

chef's knife duller now this fear of sharks

automatic wipers slowing for the sad song

faceplant!
the consoling
darkness

gargling
salt water—
my whale song

wherewithal the rubber chicken's wishbone

Tanya McDonald
kingfisherjournal.com

dating app—
another match
with loneliness

a cold spoon
resting on my tongue
his silence

office potluck—
no one touches
Karen's casserole

Nalini Shetty

budget crunch
the local zoo's
cardboard cutouts

poetic license
the traffic officer
is not amused

the lost colony
first day of the afterlife
reuniting with my missing socks

new brew
the bubbling of fresh poems
in this rusty kettle

Ramund Ro

big villain state
eats for breakfast its neighbour
then pollutes its air

Rob Flipse

with tearful sincerity—
the celebrity's
paid endorsement

rushing
to build a wall:
Canada

Nonny Miss

blankness
on the metro how carefully
we all look away

DuPont Circle—
orbiting war and peace
the chess masters

daydream—
piercing concrete walls
the wild blue yonder

Jonathan English

wild iris the village girl's untamed youth

incessant rain the broken ribs of the old umbrella

the perfect pleats of her cotton sari summer breeze

hometown visit

the old river

sings a different song

Mona Bedi

sonic nostalgia
humming the grooves
in a log's rings

young again
mulch covering
cracks in the clay

fitful napping
the cardinal's relentless
mating call

Kathryn Haydon
www.sparkitivity.com

snack time
just one cookie
if mom is watching

red light camera
my ticket comes in the mail

Wilda Morris and Sharon Martina

the silent arc of each sound symphony

hollow din
this dust keening
with drought

Scott Wiggerman

a pale frisbee
skims over the ridge . . .
supermoon rising

gifted child outrunning her shadow to school

fresh mown lawn . . .
moving my pillow
to the open window

Ann Sullivan

another break
only a whisper of her
remains

in the corner
a woman crouches
her blue period

C. Jean Downer
cjeandowner.com

closing time
the moon upside down
in the canal

Thanksgiving
stopping by the cemetery
to piss on his grave

daughter's wedding
the whole dance floor singing
a song I don't know

Tim Cremin

burden of heirloom
no one wants my treasures
not even for free

Wonja Brucker

since childhood
my bear's
blank stare

Jacob Blumner

unpacked boxes
in our garage
too many ghosts

anxiety
to self-esteem
ouroboros

Eavonka Ettinger

bedside vigil
a child folds
a paper caladrius

bird choir
after the cat's catch
an octave lower

Wilbert Salgado

transmission problems
the struggle
to start each day

November breeze—
the pendulum swings
far right

melting ice memories of being more

moving day
i wrap my dishes
in news of war

Sarah Lawhorne

<http://www.slawhornephotography.com>

at the salon . . .
today's gossip
enough to curl hair

cruise news
berth announcement
at the marina

stoic Capt. Hook . . .
accidents will happen
he said off handedly

Carol Raisfeld

The blast shadows:
The Nobodies
of entwined Lovers.

Jarring a shadow,
Nobody's alchemist
pulls free a soul.

Alone on Earth
the Global Nobody
eyes the stars.

orha

with a smile
she waves goodbye
obit photo

a neighbor's move-out
we've never spoken
yet this sadness

John J. Han

post-election
the trees and i
skeletons

warming world
my neighbor still
won't wave

church pew
my friend's
hard life

Finch Vogelsang

ironing clothes
the fragrance
of pressed cotton

criticism by young spouse
two decades later
a sorry

monsoon drizzle
the vegetable seller's basket
over his head

power outage
the flicker
of candle flame

Govind Joshi

election news
on a sunny morning
parrots chatter

hot day
the dog's tail wags
a bit of my shadow

debts
he leaves his death poem
in the answerphone

saree shop
women in pant suits
come and go

Dipankar Dasgupta

motion light
a chipmunk turns on
the tulips

intimate dinner
we discuss how to handle
the artichokes

Barrie Levine

wisteria cluster—
from top to bottom
your kiss

Steliana Cristina Voicu

ghosted . . .
our love song ends
with hard rain

daydream—
I tap the shoulder
of who I become

Sharon Ferrante

Cut! Take two!
my wife directs
a love scene

morning after—
our faces washed with
tears of joy

Franjo Ordanić

Simon says
take two steps backward
millions do

border crossing—
she drives to the clinic
in a neighboring state

sibling rivalry
between Helene and Milton
a family funeral

William Scott Galasso

divorce certificate
brighter
than the stars
darkness
between them

menopause
a stray cat
gets the name
of her
neverborn baby

the first and last present
i got from father
life

Irina Guliaeva

each poet gets
ten minutes
nodding daffodils

no escaping the past
a paleontologist digs
to get out of debt

LeRoy Gorman

my turn
to fetch the stick
old spaniel

high school reunion
all their phones
newer than mine

Tom Bierovic

haiku study group
we discuss impermanence
then disband

Chris Bruner

ribbons of blue
the phlebotomist chooses
a vein in my hand

fly on the wall
my turn carpooling
the kids

Sharon Martina

menorah lights
this longing
for peace

rough day
a raspberry floats
in my glass of wine

Chris Meadows

flight turbulence
a little girl's pigtails
in a butterfly dance

a child's gaze
following a yellow butterfly
purple asters

a silhouette recedes
beyond the last lamppost
death anniversary

Arvinder Kaur

meeting family
I never knew I had—
Auntie's funeral

Charles Schultz's passing—
now his namesake
will never kick that ball

gust of wind
the part in my hair
moves left to right

Richard Tice

My smooth light brown skin
leads to immense confusion.
Why care about race?

Khaliya Rajan

finding courage
in a cup of spiked punch
first dance

botfly . . .
my sister-in-law
drops in

margaritas & marriage
she prefers everything
on the rocks

Kevin Valentine

on father's bookshelf
after the war
only nonfiction

soup kitchen
an odd assortment
of spoons

midnight mass
I wish I hadn't
given up spirits

Keith Evetts

she said
it would never happen
. . . black swan

modern art museum
a construction crew
busy deconstructing

Jay Friedenberg

<https://www.saveourcivilization.com>

my mother's stories
all the lives
she didn't lead

another grey day
sequinned butterflies
on her coat

Erica Ison

cannonball fruit opens
the nasty smell
of a skunk nearby

philosophical books
bending my spine
to dust

husband's loud sneeze
the high-pitched yaps
of a street dog

Lakshmi Iyer

triggering a new web of self-help *glimmers*

**glimmers: Glimmers are small moments that spark joy or peace, which can help cue our nervous system to feel safe or calm.*

ancestral village
sunlight splits
on the old kikar

making a mess
of my new haircut
grandpa's cuddle

Dr. Vikas Sehra

diagnosis
my bucket list
springs a leak

colorblind
the green she can't see
matches her eyes

William Cullen Jr.

unexpected hug . . .
advice to light a candle
on her birthday night

on the chocolate cake
in this century-old cafe—
a rose petal

Maeve O'Sullivan

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starlight arriving each sleepless night the past

rooms within rooms
a fly in the office block
finds a window

a p hywel

mur
mur ation
 settling
 into my
 gray period

Kimberly Kuchar

flu season
pausing at the restaurant's
lemon slices

son's car
a football in the back seat
we've never thrown

David Oates

www.wuga.org

candle glow—
making friends with my
lonely shadow

Indira Iyer

hanging from the pickup
fish-hook on a line
catching nothing but air

Mark Teaford

night heat
the words come
slippery as eels

Claire Vogel Camargo

winter . . .
time to wake up
in the dark

he looks to the sky
waiting for
the other shoe

under renovation
The Donald J. Trump
Sistine Chapel

the first shall be the last line

John Stevenson

a glimpse of old age—
the missing glasses
atop my head

a covid affair—
sharing hugs
the lengths of breath holds

Sharon Walter

note to self:
remove
the imperatives!

Susan Yavaniski

hurting each other
the crunch
of leaves underfoot

chlorophyll
masking the original colours
trauma

Florence Heyhoe

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