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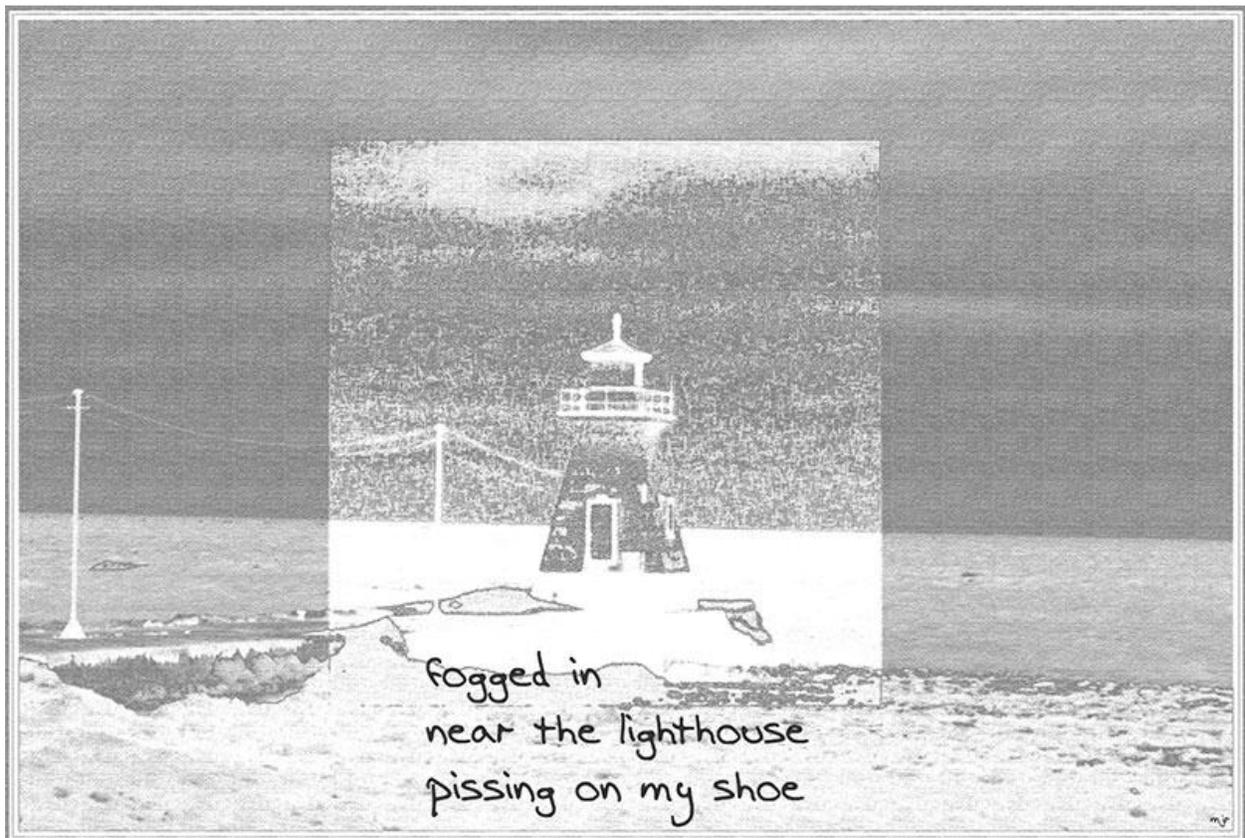
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**Wilda Morris**

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**Margaret Walker**  
**Paul Geiger**  
**John S Green**  
**Robert Moyer**  
**David Oates**  
**Lori A Minor**  
**Pere Risteski**  
**Tanvi Nishchal**  
**Veronika Zora Novak**  
**Ana Drobot**

**Tomislav Maretić**  
**Jacob Salzer**

a world away  
a click away  
friends I've never met

**Shasta Hatter**

first sunrising  
I believe for a while  
the Ptolemaic theory

straying in  
heat haze--I become  
a dayfly

summer midnight--  
even portraits  
sleeping in the frame

**Teiichi Suzuki**

red flag  
the shrinking body  
of her email

dry creek  
waiting to be filled  
my womb

**Vandana Parashar**

lockdown  
my ego  
wants more

funeral  
the attempt  
to cry

**Pere Risteski**

art class pens envy

rookery the dark wings of a tenement

**John Hawkhead**

in the wardrobe  
a spider repairs  
a forgotten skeleton

joint custody  
I too have learned to do  
mom

Chinese boxes  
one pain inside another  
inside me

**Vincenzo Adamo Paceco**

her childhood  
going so fast  
in mummy's shoes

girly gossip  
she whispers  
into my deaf ear

**Marilyn Ward**

dead of night  
all but perfecting  
the corpse pose

**Michael Henry Lee**

gusty afternoon  
rehearsing  
an ultimatum

lopsided moon  
my old grudge  
in the spotlight

**Cynthia Anderson**

merry-go-round  
grandson's laugh  
circles the breeze

**Neena Singh**

sound of fireworks  
veteran reaches for  
his support dog

prison  
censor examines  
a Mother's Day card

**John J. Dunphy**

empty wallet—  
digging deeper  
I talk to the bag lady

sorting chicks—  
the drawback  
of a Y chromosome

abortion clinic—  
red tulips  
in reception

**Helen Ogden**

winter stars -  
you walked away  
with my shadow

**Alvin B. Cruz**

hangover  
a bumble bee bumping  
still drawn curtains

**Ted Sherman**

contemplation ...  
her bookmark  
misplaced

**B.A. France**

ogling cleavage  
he's caught again –  
boobytrap

soil erosion –  
now  
he says he loves me

**Susan Burch**

telekinesis  
grandad's magic tricks  
when childminding

**Paul Beech**

shadow of the blinds  
stretching across my keyboard  
a ship's rigging

**Mary McCormack**

morning coffee  
we listen to a robin  
instead of each other

Zoom meeting  
the casual appearances  
of cats

**Kristen Lindquist**

keeping  
the half packet split peas  
she never cooked

before bed  
blowing out the candle  
under her picture

**Maurice Nevile**

flailing on barbed wire  
an American flag  
bleeds red and blue

reading aloud  
Neruda in Spanish  
how odes should taste

**Scott Wiggerman**

internment camp  
tomato vines reaching  
past the cage

child's drawing  
a version of me  
without the scars

**Bryan Rickert**

too many shadows ...  
even death, wide-eyed  
with wonder

**Lavana Kray**

jump start  
the dog's alarm  
at his gas emission

**Ingrid Baluchi**

she takes her first steps  
at nine months  
post-amputation

year of the snake  
how quickly he slithers  
from my bed

**Tracy Davidson**

joy ride  
donuts  
in a muscle car

antivax  
he says needles  
scare him

**Marilyn Ashbaugh**

felled oak  
I ponder the length  
of my lifeline

**Pris Campbell**

delayed grief  
6 months after his death  
ginko leaves fall

**Pearl Pirie**

morning fog  
an old date  
breakfast in bed

**Birk Andersson**

video chat  
seeing the puppy  
in motion

**Susan Bonk Plumridge**

still morning  
the children  
I never had

twilight sleep  
the beauty  
of self medicating

shimmering sea  
the twinkle  
in her lover's eye

**Jean Holland**

daylight saving—  
my neighbor curses  
his cat

full sail  
fighting the wind  
for his overcoat

**Mark Forrester**

power outage  
unmasking  
his real face

beyond  
the pandemic blues  
Eid moon

plumes of smoke  
around the evening sun  
Al-Aqsa mosque

**Hifsa Ashraf**

mill workers' ball  
dancing with the fat guy  
in her steel-toed shoes

**Robert Witmer**

eightieth birthday  
grandma blows out her  
dentures on the cake

**Lakshmi Iyer**

this morning  
a dew drop and a snail  
both gone now

in the midst of chaos deserted zen garden

**Gil Jackofsky**

needles vs Covid  
I weigh my fears in the  
waiting room

**Franjo Ordanić**

moon trails...  
my lips parted  
in a smile

**Rosa Maria Di Salvatore**

sudden chill  
another's arm  
around your shoulders

**Joseph P. Wechselberger**

3 a.m. whispering...  
he tells her everything  
while she sleeps

garage sale  
she sells used lipsticks  
with a vintage smile

**Carol Raisfeld**

that moment  
when 'young man'  
is irony

**Tony Williams**

dinner from a plastic tray—  
the haiku newsletter  
shows cherry blossoms

**Richard Tice**

lockdown days -  
learning to tuck in  
my wings

forked lightning -  
tracing the scar  
on his face

**Sushama Kapur**

nine yards saree . . .  
grandma spins her way  
to the ninetieth birthday

giant step . . .  
my son takes a scale  
to measure the beanstalk

**Kavitha Sreeraj**

silver jubilee  
the couple's diet  
lacks salt and spice

**Ravi Kiran**

covid-19  
the soles of my running shoes  
still fit

**Oscar Luparia**

killdeer chicks  
the roller skates  
of our youth

timeworn the clock that can't be wound back

yarn bombing  
we imagine the colour  
of life without war

**Debbie Strange**

CROWS

after the picnic at the park  
second seating

**Joan C. Fingon**

a first stone sails from rally to riot

**Michael Baeyens**

Meetings  
greetings...  
punctuate the leaving

**Mike Fainzilber**

struggling to fit  
between the lines  
left hander

**Louise Hopewell**

skinnydipping  
the moon's  
white curves

leaving the wrecker's  
a glimpse  
of the dead man's car

**Alex Fyffe**

holiday house —  
I check all the dark corners  
for spiders

**Keitha Keyes**

bit by bit  
a declaration of love  
to a spam filter

**Beate Conrad**

shifting my blues  
in the junk folder  
that astrology email

evening tea  
a whiff of his arrival  
in the car horn

**Richa Sharma**

lock down boredom  
filling a mason jar  
with cicada shells

full body MRI  
tech says she'll get a rag  
to cover my eyes

**Ann Schechter**

morning walk  
I feel a good omen  
in the catch of an autumn leaf

**David Gale**

finding me  
wherever I go  
morning rainfall

another morning  
we talk over  
a day of rain

**Joanna Ashwell**

mother's day  
the apple blossoms perfume  
we bought at woolworth's

**Frances Jones**

illegal mining  
a river's voice thins  
behind mud

**Isaac Ofori-Okyere**

rinsing dirt  
off roots—  
sassafras tea

at the laundromat—  
the sleepy sameness  
of blankets tumbling

**Sarah Ockrim**

midnight dog walk  
empty benches  
my only company

**Patti Niehoff**

predawn blush  
the taste of her pussy  
licks my beard

**Joshua Gage**

ripening acorns –  
some nut lets off  
fireworks

walking group –  
someone new puts  
their foot in it

**Sandra Simpson**

hot cold  
coffee trickles from the lid  
i'm late

**Matt Snyder**

WARS BEGINNING,  
CELEBRITIES DIVORCING . . .  
he starts a quiet fire

his beard gone  
he now looks young enough  
to be his own son

**Andrew Riutta**

midnight train  
a stranger finishes  
my crossword

**Agus Maulana Sunjaya**

voiceless  
a thousand thoughts in the head  
locked-in

these tired eyes  
in my morning mirror  
i do not know them

**Eva Joan**

separation ...  
daffodils she planted  
unwilling to bloom

**Natalia Kuznetsova**

after a fight  
on a train  
Rome in spring

**William O'Sullivan**

walking  
in a snow globe  
the neighbor's cottonwood

**Wilda Morris**

coffin phobia  
the trash room door  
swings closed

saturn's rings  
mother walks in circles  
after dad left

**Kath Abela Wilson**

Today her divorce is final.  
Carrots sliced.  
Diced.

**Richard Magahiz**

hide and seek--  
a firefly in my pocket  
gives me away

the dance  
of the fish in an aquarium--  
quarantine

**Arvinder Kaur**

lies and damn lies  
the four faces  
of the old clock tower

morning moon  
the three-legged dog races  
after the frisbee

**Nick Hoffman**

petal petal petal why won't he love me?

jeopardy--

grandma mutters the answers  
under her breath

**Pippa**

free books-on-a-stick  
novel curbside domicile  
little library

**Julie Allyn Johnson**

*En la tumba de mamá  
tantas palabras  
enterradas en mi pecho*

At Mom 's grave  
so many words  
buried in my chest

**Wilbert Salgado**

face mask  
I feel the heat  
of my words

melting butter  
how generously mother  
spreads her smiles

**Minal Sarosh**

brimming bus  
her hair  
in my face

winter chill  
she leaves a fart  
deep in our bedclothes

cutting beet  
trying to figure out where  
my blood is

**Ayisi Gordon Gullanyi**

lockdown karaoke-  
hungry gulls discern  
the last chip

**Robbie Porter**

someone else's life  
flashes before my eyes  
ebay estate sale

**Rick Jackofsky**

in her 80s—  
to think she once liked  
the sound of mourning doves

spared from my mower  
milkweed hosts monarch—  
I can be so self-righteous

**Curt Pawlisch**

the caterpillar crawls -  
a butterfly flies  
everything changes

*striscia il bruco -  
una farfalla vola  
e tutto cambia*

**Maria Luisa Bartolotta**

bookmark—  
the coffee stained ones  
I come back to

empty plate singing in the food line

cathedral  
a click of her heel  
fills the nave

**Jenny Fraser**

the daily phone call –  
a stroll on  
eggshells

small child's reply –  
I'm off  
to where I'm going

**Linda McCarthy Schick**

a child's sandal  
tangled with seaweed and rope  
highwater mark

**Simon Wilson**

his two cents worth  
inflation has not hit  
opinions yet

**Bee Jay**

shelter in place  
a hole in the attic wall  
fills with stars

spring thaw  
I melt into her  
French kiss

photo display  
at the funeral entrance:  
his gold-tooth smiles

**Chen-ou Liu**

cafeteria  
ashtray full  
of thoughts

in this jazz  
my youth  
returns

**Ram Chandran**

tourist guides  
the ghosts of Charlemaine's troops  
in the rain

**Bisshie**

lost in the past...  
singing 'Danny Boy'  
she smiles

**Rob McKinnon**

old age —  
squeezing  
a dry sponge

**Susan King**

a new summer  
the virus still loyally  
by our side

changing climate  
Greenland now lives up  
to its name

**Pitt Buerken**

nagging wife  
some rags remain  
unthreaded

hotel laundry wash  
the forgotten condoms  
in my pocket

bathtub  
the bubble burst  
of my fart

**Adjei Agyei-Baah**

a mask on her face  
she takes off the muzzle  
from her dog

Easter lunch  
my mother-in-law asks me  
to be cremated

**Carmela Marino**

walking group  
the crater coming  
closer and closer

volcanic soil  
now it's gone  
I quite miss it

outside the hospital  
an old picture  
in my wallet

**Maria Concetta Conti**

gumboots in a pile dancing barefoot in the rain – muddy thunder

**Tim Roberts**

family picnic  
the aunts and the ants  
resume their feud

**Barrie Levine**

another acceptance  
followed by a rejection  
the long escalator

beggar's moon  
unsold copies of the book  
her booster seat

family reunion —  
the shy cousin talking  
to a ladybug

**Robert Epstein**

no soliciting  
the garden gnome  
clutches a shotgun

guilty  
of the misdemeanor  
night rain

transman  
i left my breasts  
in another state

**Aidan Castle**

asemic my nocturnal renderings

**Madhuri Pillai**

sudden rain  
losing a mud fight  
to nature

watchful sky —  
a summer  
sneezed away

**Sherry Grant**

refugee child -  
surging seas reflected  
in the cakeshop window

**C Cynthia Rowe**

my presence  
at the zoom meeting ...  
a patch quilt's square

**Daniela Misso**

home-schooled  
an essay on the merits  
of blue

**Valentina Ranaldi-Adams**

hicky  
on the old man's neck  
wedding anniversary

zoom wedding  
two hours behind  
tomorrow

the only one  
not smiling  
Mother's Day

**Erin Castaldi**

*tic tac dell'orologio...  
cadono ad una ad una  
le perle della collana*

clock ticking ...  
they fall one by one  
the pearls of the necklace

**Giuliana Ravaglia**

now wearing  
Christian Louboutin shoes  
the girl we bullied

his lucky penny  
becomes a checker  
Veterans Home

marching band  
the littlest kid  
needs two steps

**Tom Bierovic**

mindfulness app  
if I had a mind to  
maybe I'd use it

sure makes me mad  
that damned course I failed...  
anger management

my diary  
nothing there  
but negative space

**Mark Meyer**

winter farmstead  
a tattered  
Currier and Ives

**Susan Farner**

quarantine  
I begin to unlock  
my inner self

election year  
the wish-wash of storms  
and promises

searching for  
the middle way  
the labyrinth

**Hazel Hall**

smoking tobacco  
on a winter evening  
I remember my dad

**David He**

walk from the cemetery  
I am not ready to welcome  
anyone back

**Irina Guliaeva**

many plans unstarted...  
the sun slips  
behind the hill

lunchtime  
a young blackbird squats  
in the dirt

what's for dinner  
the icy wastes  
of the freezer

**Barbara Strang**

day moon . . .  
my mind out running  
with wolves

date line we cross over into new territory

**GRIX**

my leaking pen  
blotting out  
my newest haiku

after a semester  
of my students' essays  
revving up the snowblower

**Edward J. Rielly**

painting sumi-e  
how gray the sky  
outside

i stop and stare  
she does the same  
a deer

**Jeffrey Ketts**

secret book  
she folds the page marked  
exit plan

price we pay  
for burning witches  
and tuskegee

**E. L. Blizzard**

a ghazal floats -  
in my whiskey  
an ice cube melts

**samir satam**

in a bible  
i've never read  
family  
i haven't met

**Alan Peat**

finally my senryu  
in a magazine -  
issue of the rejects

**Antonio Mangiameli**

plastic bottles  
the ocean returns  
a guilty verdict

**Mike Gallagher**

To be or to ben't:  
an apostrophisation  
we'd prefer to seen't.

**Ken Gosse**

beauty evolves  
through sexual selection  
my exquisite tie

**Jimmy Pappas**

homeland  
a cat with her kittens on  
my soldier's overcoat

**Nikolay Grankin**

roadside rose  
two pricked fingers  
first date

**charlie smith**

vowels  
of wheeling  
gulls

thinking one spoils another

**Elmedin Kadric**

red carpet -  
under the spotlight  
his wine stain

far off clouds -  
my neighbour and I talk  
beanstalks

**Dorothy Burrows**

democracy !  
there folds  
of my facecover

**Manoj Sharma**

hand in hand:  
when this was enough  
to be happy

teriyaki chicken...  
I don't even have  
to wash the dishes

**Elisa Allo**

I see  
your worries  
and raise you one

sock with a hole  
now a cleaning mitt  
that knows my digits

cold sober talk  
we agree  
cats have arms

**Nathanael Tico**

buds on her pear tree  
waiting to move into  
my new old house

**Kelley Jean White**

peeling artichokes  
the layers  
of her arguments

high-school reunion  
the hugs I do not give  
anymore

reversing  
my doormat  
second marriage

**Maya Daneva**

old age home  
grandma garnishes her soup  
from the window-box

sharpening  
the pandemic air ...  
a dragonfly

**Mohammad Azim Khan**

August sunshine  
the child knows  
it will always be this way

**Mark Gilbert**

midlife crisis  
two fruit flies circle  
a stale banana

folding laundry  
a sock and its twin  
finally reunited

**Jay Friedenber**

family reunion  
long stories  
and short memories

high heat  
a low boiling point  
and bubbling arguments

**Adelaide B. Shaw**

this and this  
I bless each absence  
unaware

third eye closed  
a tuatara  
passes time

**Hansha Teki**

chasing pigeons  
the little girl's ponytail  
rides the wind

**Réka Nyitrai**

it's the way  
she says it ain't  
sugar, honey

morning window reflection  
my hips—I've grown  
parenthetical

**Richard Mavis**

wedding photo  
dreams had no time  
to come true

sometimes  
I am sad just like that  
haiku as a lifeline

**Tsanka Shishkova**

unexpected call  
in her answering voice  
a tinge of hope

masked self-portrait  
I exchange looks  
with my safer self

the little note  
his love spelt  
in capital letters

**Mona Jordan**

strolling  
among the graves  
a rumbling stomach

thunder  
off the mountain  
morning bible reading

garlic  
an effusive greeting  
at the front door

**Jo Balistreri**

three crows, one seagull  
insinuations and  
sideways glances

**P. H. Fischer**

spring lethargy—  
the online quiz identifies  
my spirit animal

three black kittens—  
a clerk opens the cage  
selects one

**Linda Papanicolaou**

wild yeast  
the pretzel truck parks  
at the brewery

African mask  
grandpa's gift returned  
through his will

**Christine Wenk-Harrison**

new moon  
they scan the sky  
for shooting stars

**Nancy Brady**

winter stars -  
you walked away  
with my shadow

under one umbrella  
we share nothing  
but the rain

**Alvin B. Cruz**

scarecrow  
a summer storm rumbles  
through its thoughts

**Terrie Jacks**

migrant crisis  
all those fences  
in people's heads

**Zoran Doderovic**

cold mountain  
urban hermit  
in the coffee shop

snowflakes  
on tarmac  
a bride's second thoughts  
W2

**Norman Silver**

showing me  
the rest of her tattoo  
rose moon

first day of spring  
Frosty's shrunken head  
on the ground

campground  
glad to hear someone  
is getting some tonight

**Tim Cremin**

moving train ...  
almost-full bladder keeps me  
awake all night

my lullaby ...  
the clothesline  
swings alone

**Vani Sathyanarayan**

loneliness  
no smell  
from the kitchen window

forget-me- not  
a love note  
before leaving

**Eufemia Griffo**

nolocontendere  
a severed earthworm  
on my spade

memorable  
garage sale find  
war medals

**Wonja Brucker**

chemical warfare--  
a crying child steps  
from a cloud

disabled jet ...  
the passengers write death letters  
before the mountain

**Kevin Valentine**

spaghetti western  
the closest I'll get  
to Italy again

after sex smoking their iPads

**Bruce H. Feingold**

the masks  
remain in place  
all saints' day

**C.R. Harper**

country air  
the wind farm has its own  
shit smell

**LeRoy Gorman**

cafeteria ...  
at the last table  
an unnamed smile

far sky -  
on this side too  
nothing

**Vijay Prasad**

my hairdresser's arm  
a mermaid  
in a sea of ink

baggage reclaim  
only my case  
left on the belt

**Erica Ison**

origami  
world championship - I  
refuse to fold

forest clearing -  
an axeident

**Ann Smith**

so much  
depends on  
a marigold bus

the snap—  
as our sail  
catches wind

**Jill Lange**

misspelling

Zen

medication

rain clouds

blow over

no haiku today

**Laszlo Slomovits**

her closet  
“L’Air du Temps”  
lingers

**Margaret Walker**

empty deck chair  
a splash of sunlight  
with each roll to port

**Paul Geiger**

pine siskin  
if I had feathers  
cats would hunt me too

p peas o peace d

**John S Green**

beach parting  
as she walks away  
his wave subsides

rough memory  
a bucket of corncobs  
outside the outhouse

**Robert Moyer**

sex positive –  
handles on the hips  
of her zero-g suit

pandemic  
the survivalist's hoard  
expired

**David Oates**

milky way. . .  
the curl of his toes  
as he cums

**Lori A Minor**

lockdown  
my ego  
wants more

eyes to eyes with the fog

**Pere Risteski**

juggling  
without an audience  
my life

social distancing  
between us  
the ego

**Tanvi Nishchal**

science class  
dissecting  
Bashō's frog

attached to nothing tear drop tattoos

**Veronika Zora Novak**

mid day -  
using the compass  
for the first time

**Ana Drobot**

revolving door –  
my dog doesn't dare  
to come in

**Tomislav Maretić**

polished stone  
the hidden messages  
in her smile

**Jacob Salzer**

at the museum of my mind  
dinosaurs  
play poker for money

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