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*Sandi Pray*

petals brighten  
her grey hair—  
another spring

*Nathalie Buckland (Australia)*

rich beyond  
my wildest dreams  
plum blossoms

*Johnny Baranski (USA)*

tickseed  
the sound of sunshine  
falling on a meadow

*David J. Kelly (Ireland)*

cherry blossoms falling . . .  
the bald man  
moves his bishop

*Michael Dylan Welch (USA)*

lotus blossom  
rising from the pond  
morning frogs

*Marilyn Fleming (USA)*

leap year...  
a wealth of polliwogs  
after spring rain

*Patricia Daharsh (USA)*



*Steliana Cristina Voicu*

Bucket list  
a new  
bucket

*Alexis Rotella (USA)*

all those dead  
not knowing they're dead  
spring flowers

*Ernest Wit (Poland)*

fresh tar –  
one more lie makes  
no difference

*Shloka Shankar (India)*

ripples coming back alone with my thoughts

*Julie Warther (USA)*

pencil pine  
the moon  
dots an i

*Lorin Ford (Australia)*



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sinking deeper  
into the earth  
my aging bones

*haiku: Nika; photo: Jim McKinniss*



tendencies the need to arrange my life just so

marianne paul

*Marianne Paul*



World AIDS Day —  
reinstalling  
my antivirus

*Minh-Triêt Pham (France)*

her long plait  
lace by lace  
she traps me

*Sambangi (India)*

a vase full  
of iris buds ...  
promises, promises

*Anne Curran (New Zealand)*

dust settles . . .  
the sharp absence  
of presence

*Peter Jastermsky (USA)*

spring cleaning  
I see my childhood  
in my doll's eyes

*Kristina Ng (Malaysia)*

diamond wedding...  
their kiss with a scent  
of Corega

*Diana Teneva (Bulgaria)*



*Madhuri Pillai*

graduation day—  
dad removes the wire  
from the bonsai

*Magdalena Banasziewicz*  
*(Poland)*

tangle of yarn  
yesterday is now  
is tomorrow

*Dottie Piet (USA)*

grandpa's voice  
I tear the filter  
off a cigarette

*Edward Cody Huddleston (USA)*

recess bell  
the playground fills  
with wind

*Dave Read (Canada)*

onsen steam  
the monkey and I  
equally red-faced

*Marietta Jane McGregor*  
*(Australia)*

pancakes at midnight  
the new moon's  
thin smile

*Phyllis Lee (USA)*



**bent  
over his stick  
breathing heavily**

**Nina Kovačić**

*Nina Kovačić*

shadows long –  
mud wasps stop to refuel  
in the bird bath

*Richard Stevenson (Canada)*

susurrus...  
now and then the daisies  
caress the breeze

*Madhuri Pillai (Australia)*

among fringed she-oaks -  
his fingers gently touching  
her long dark hair

*Janet Howie (Australia)*

a scattering  
of mitre-shaped petals . . .  
bishop's purple

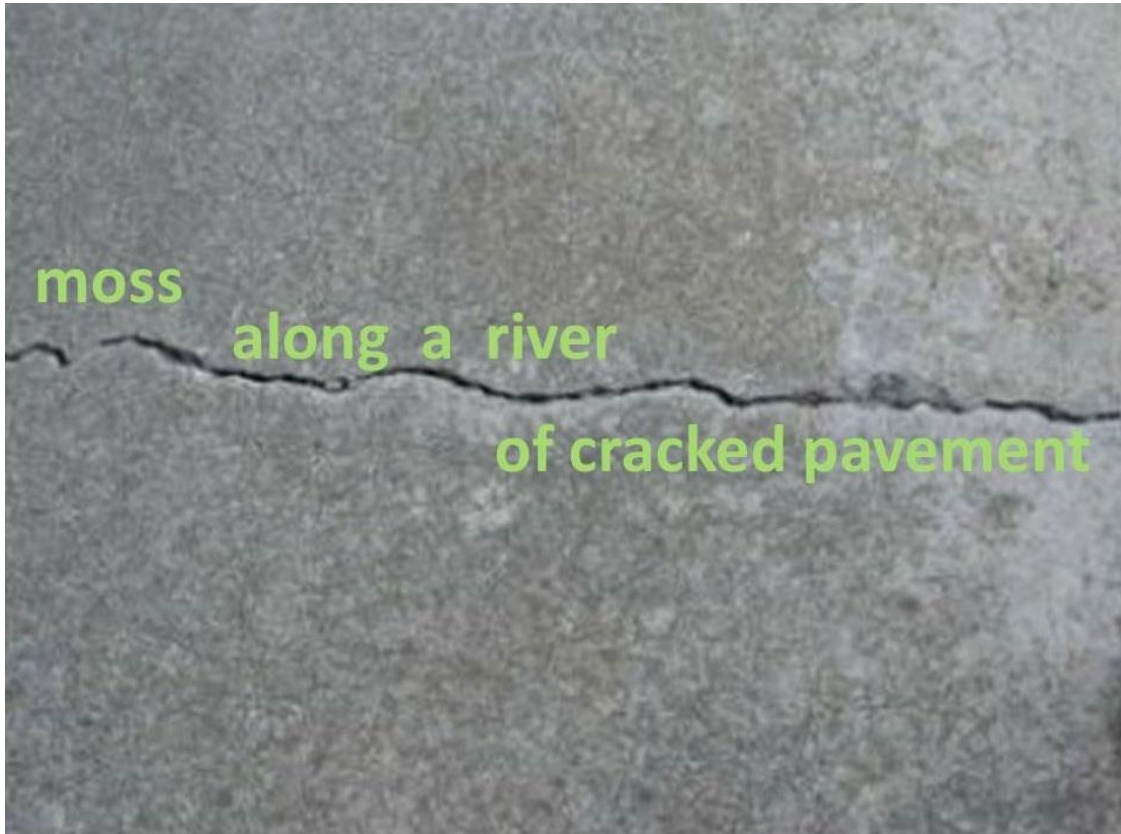
*Elaine Riddell (New Zealand)*

ivy  
waxy leaves color  
monolithic walls

*Jesus Chameleon (USA)*

branches barely touch  
my faraway  
family

*Sondra J. Byrnes (USA)*



*Mercy Ikuri*

cornerstone  
my inner child  
traces the date

*Agnes Eva Savich (USA)*

attic sill  
succumbing to dust  
one dead moth

*Anna Cates (USA)*

half an hour  
in the phone box  
falling rain

*Garry Eaton (Canada)*

my untied shoe string  
faster than I am  
step after step

*Nina Kovačić (Croatia)*

sleepless  
thoughts are circling  
around the question

*Pitt Buerken (Germany)*

rainy day  
I watch you watching  
an ant

*Christiane Ranieri (France)*



uneven fog  
in and out of focus  
these dreams

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*Debbie Strange*



passing by  
the lamplighter turns on  
eyes of stray cats

*Roman Lyakhovetsky (Israel)*

vibration  
of a spider web  
wind chimes

*Deborah P Kolodji (USA)*

outbreak -  
a mutilated rose  
woos bees

*Lavana Kray (Romania)*

daubs  
of a calligrapher's brush –  
crows in mist

*Mark Miller (Australia)*

sparrows  
working the eaves  
of the unemployment office

*Robert A Spicer (Canada)*

human voices  
the water dragon turns  
back to stone

*Lorin Ford (Australia)*



*Minh-Triết Phạm*

daylilies  
my toddler asks  
what they do at night

*Marilyn Appl Walker (USA)*

first pop of rhubarb  
the flow of honey  
from the spoon

*Mark Gilbert (UK)*

fireflies blink  
within the grass—  
sky crowded with stars

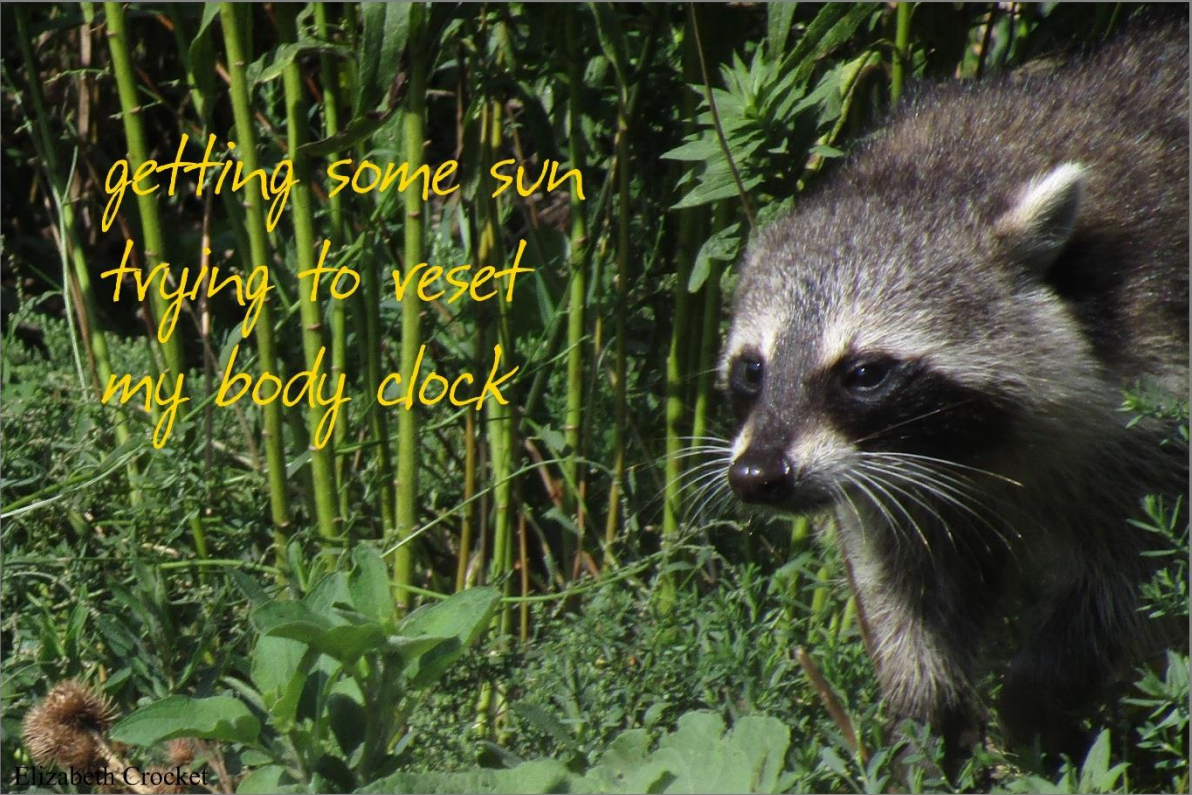
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mating dance –  
the hush within  
a crane's wingbeats

*Theresa A. Cancro (USA)*

cupped still life on bone china tea butterflies

*Marianne Paul (Canada)*



getting some sun  
trying to reset  
my body clock

Elizabeth Crocket

*Elizabeth Crocket*

A sneeze–  
The cat looses  
Its rhythm

*Debarun Sarkar (India)*

quick fingers  
searching the Web. . .  
spider legs

*Tricia Marcella Cimera (USA)*

clear sky  
a mothionless heron  
in the reeds

*Nikolay Grankin (Russia)*

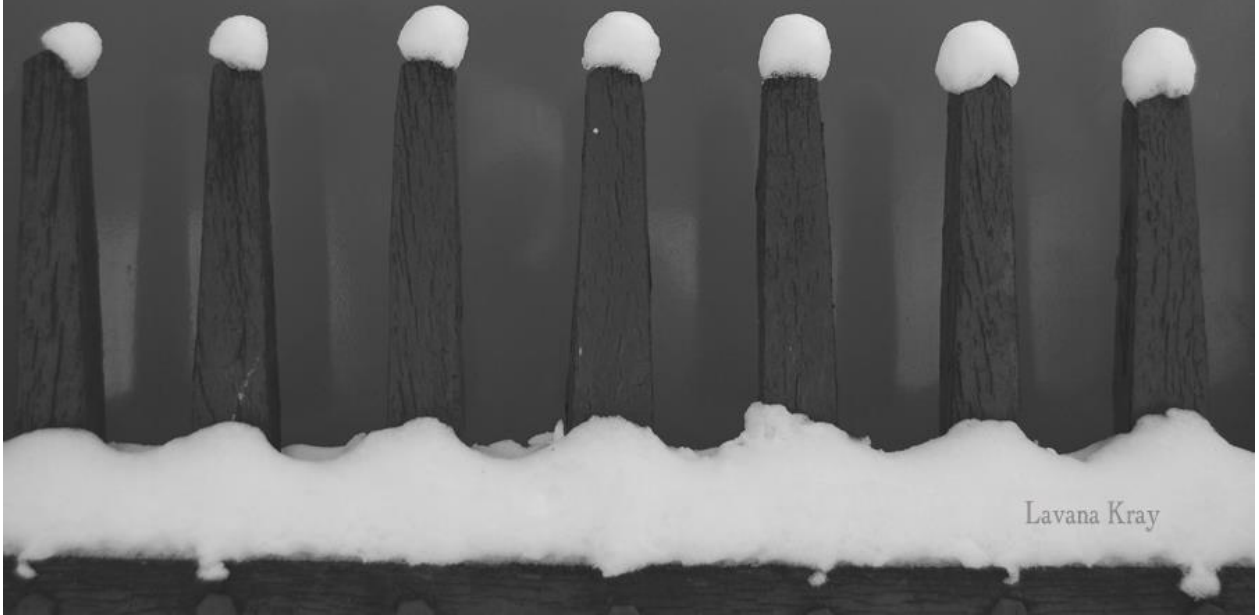
lightning flashes through driving rain  
immoveable toad  
on the porch stair

*Wally Swist (USA)*

reticent:  
one last leaf  
on the tree

*Peter Jastermsky (USA)*

breached river bank –  
fleet of paper boats dwindling  
down the lane



Lavana Kray

*Lavana Kray*

zen circle  
the baby's fingers  
grasping at her toes

*Robert Witmer (Japan)*

first stroll—  
in front of the pram  
fresh snow

*Magdalena Banaszkiewicz  
(Poland)*

summer solstice  
a toddler fragments  
the snake's skin

*Quendryth Young (Australia)*

leaving parents...  
the garden lilies  
almost blooming

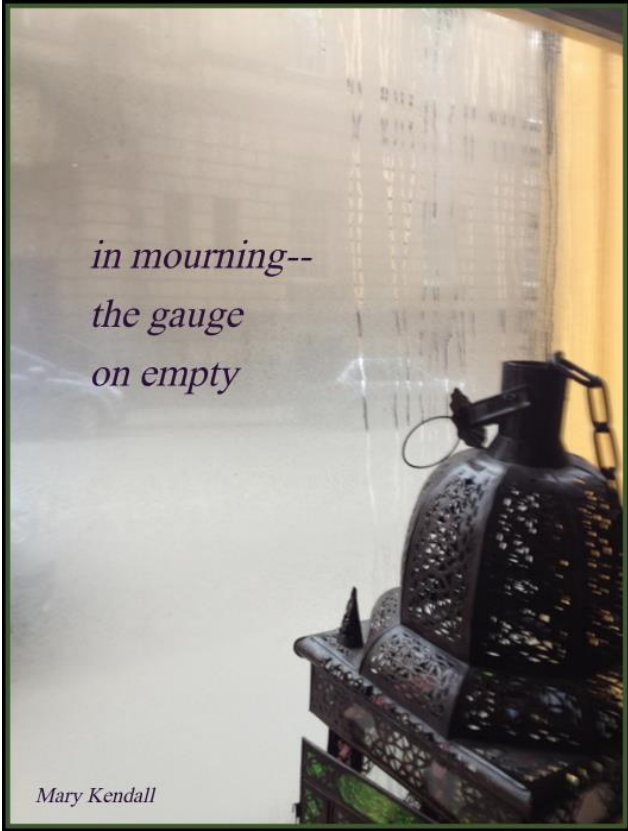
*Salil Chaturvedi (India)*

reunion website  
ads flicker around  
strange names

*Duncan Richardson (Australia)*

Dad's burial  
drying basil  
stems up

*Jim Krotzman (USA)*

A photograph of a window with a view of a city skyline, partially obscured by a decorative metal lantern in the foreground. The lantern is dark and has intricate cut-out patterns. The window shows a view of a city with buildings and a street. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*in mourning--  
the gauge  
on empty*

*Mary Kendall*

*Mary Kendall*



afterward...  
even his spider man watch  
at rest

*Jo Balistreri (USA)*

deep darkness  
I discover  
the invisible

*Pravat Kumar Padhy (India)*

one year gone  
your last message  
stored as saved

*Gavin Austin (Australia)*

cicadas before  
Nagasaki  
cicadas after


*Johnny Baranski (USA)*

purple azaleas  
under the snow  
a frozen memory

*Devin Harrison (Canada)*

grey lichens  
on a stunted birch tree  
chill of midday

*Ernest Wit (Poland)*

A large, ancient tree with a glowing doorway in its trunk. The tree has thick, gnarled roots and a hollowed-out section in its trunk that serves as a doorway. A small, glowing light emanates from the doorway. The scene is set in a forest with sunlight filtering through the trees.

all my stories as  
I grow beyond the seasons  
some are even true

*Ayaz Daryl Nielsen*

sunset beach  
a hermit crab  
founds home

*Anthony Q. Rabang (Philippines)*

house for sale –  
the old ceramic pitcher  
guarding secrets

*Steliana Cristina Voicu  
(Romania)*

hard rain  
a stranger opens  
my mind's door

*Debbie Strange (Canada)*

heavy  
with morning light . . .  
the snail's path

*Mark E. Brager (USA)*

earth scent  
a dream  
I tell in silence

*Guliz Mutlu (Turkey)*

Aurora Borealis -  
curtains undulate  
in the bedroom window

*Jay Friedenbergl (USA)*

**brand new jacket  
all the raindrops last  
a little longer**



*@motto\_sakura*

*David J. Kelly*

raindrops slowly erasing the flagstone

*Frank Cavano (USA)*

After weeks  
of blistering heat  
raindrop therapy

*Alexis Rotella (USA)*

downpour  
placing all my trust  
in someone's tail lights

*Shrikaanth Krishnamurthy (UK)*

cloud-to-cloud lightning  
your word  
against mine

*Polona Oblak (Slovenia)*

end of rains  
the evening stars  
bitten by mosquitoes

*Salil Chaturvedi (India)*

*family lunch -*



*in aunts kitchen*

*the last gossip*

Capotă Daniela Lăcrămioara

*Capotă Daniela Lăcrămioara*

empty porch swing  
dappled with sunlight  
grandma's hands

*Kari Davidson (USA)*

walking a dog  
the breeze catches her dress,  
brings it back

*Gabriel Bates (USA)*

Crowded tourist spot  
I found my old love  
in a selfie

*Aziza Hena (Bangladesh)*

monsoon cloud -  
two neighbors by the fence  
chat about Palestine

*Precious Oboh (Nigeria)*

at the hayfield's edge  
calm presence from a woodland  
scent of aging green

*Ayaz Daryl Nielsen (USA)*



day moon

a bee

orbits my beer

*John Rowlands*



unforgettable—  
the taste of zinfandel  
on your lips

*Mary Kendall (USA)*

morning coffee  
darkened with the thought  
of getting old

*Chen-ou Liu (Canada)*

cherry blossoms  
nihon buyo streams  
welcome guests

*Jessica Renee Dawson (Canada)*

loaves and fishes  
this thin slice  
of moon

*Julie Warther (USA)*

the setting sun  
in our glasses  
old friends

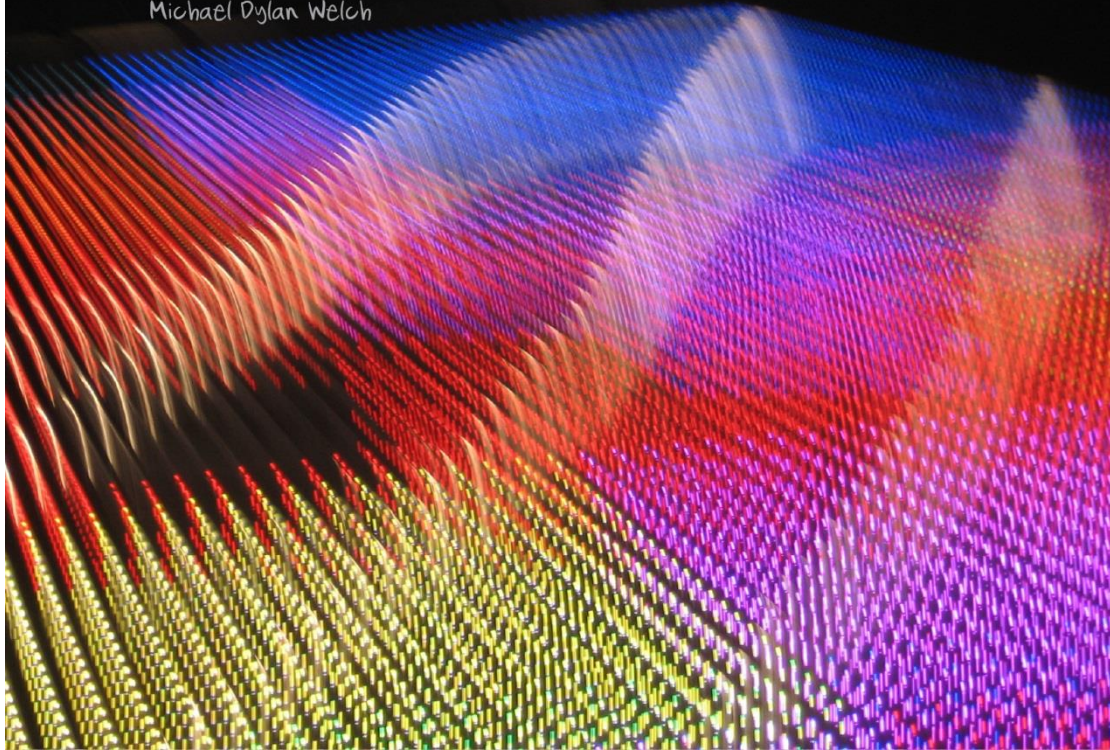
*Rachel Sutcliffe (UK)*

New Year's Eve --  
she pours hot gossip  
in every cup

*Kumarendra Mallick (India)*

# saying his prayers in esperanto the neon buddha

Michael Dylan Welch



*Michael Dylan Welch*

cold moon  
a beggar wrapped  
in his shadow

*Ramesh Anand (India)*

winter fog  
the shape of the morning  
after the crow

*Polona Oblak (Slovenia)*

solitude  
cutting snow ball into  
two half moon

*Neha R. Krishna (India)*

carved under  
the full moon  
white horse

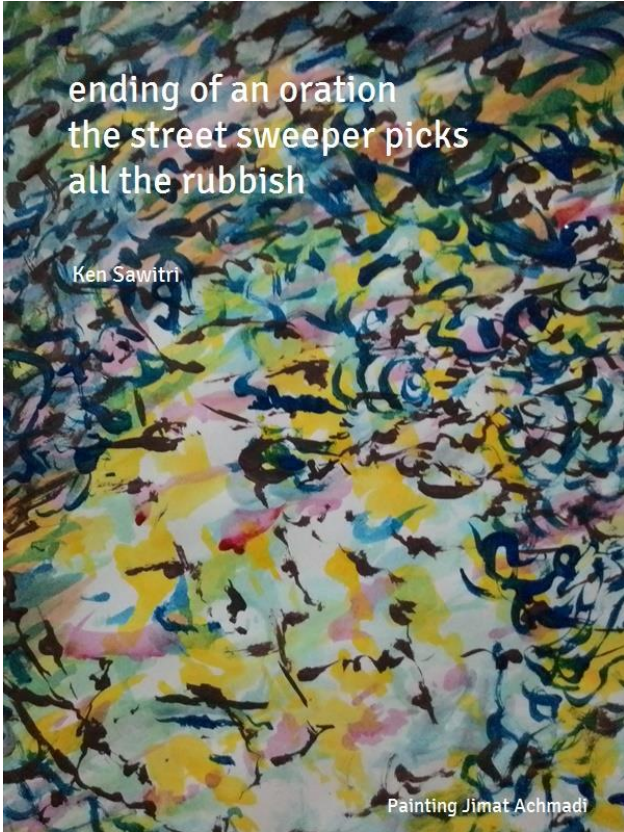
*Tim Gardiner (UK)*

aging season  
receding ice  
from the pond's edge

*Joyce Joslin Lorensen (USA)*

winter night —  
tanning under the sun  
of the neon lamp

*Minh-Triêt Pham (France)*



ending of an oration  
the street sweeper picks  
all the rubbish

Ken Sawitri

Painting Jimat Achmadi

*haiku: Ken Sawitri; artwork: Jimat Achmadi*

long lost love  
I cover the wine stain  
with a new pillow

*Maria Tomczak (Poland)*

Sultry air  
the salt farmer's wife  
raking up the sun

*Ken Sawitri (Indonesia)*

waiting in silence -  
the moon and I  
at the water's edge

*Eva Joan (Germany)*

erasing my doodle  
on a hot afternoon—  
a stray ant turns its head

*Michael Dylan Welch (USA)*

the street pianist  
changing rhythm  
of passing steps

*Mercy Ikuri (Kenya)*

forgiveness  
the new year's moon  
lights the way

*Mary Kendall (USA)*

*dear old friend  
her last letter...  
fading light*



*marietta jane mcgregor, 2016*

*Marietta Jane McGregor*

spring arrives  
a porch of rockers  
rock themselves

*Phyllis Lee (USA)*

spring knocking raindrops off the olive branch

*Roman Lyakhovetsky (Israel)*

the kitten  
has his own plans . . .  
plum blossoms

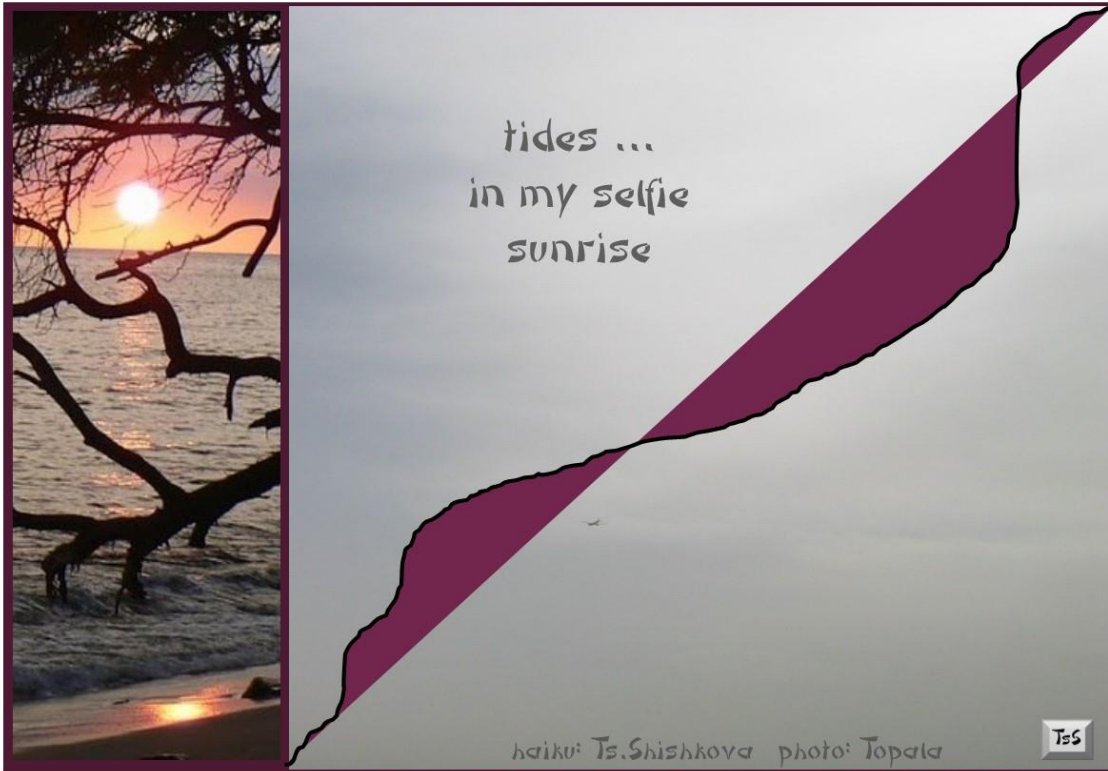
*Kyle Sullivan (Taiwan)*

your hidden side  
the forest floor covered  
with nasturtiums

*Deborah P Kolodji (USA)*

we rename  
all the peaks  
spring cleaning

*Tony Burfield (USA)*



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summer night  
spiders busy capturing  
moonlight

*Ed Bremson (USA)*

noon ...  
the pattern of sunlight  
through her straw hat

*Jill Lange (USA)*

midsummer  
your way of leaning out  
for raspberries

*Dan Schwerin (USA)*

paddy field —  
the wallowing buffalo  
licks its nose

*Aparna Pathak (India)*

scaling  
the leylandii  
wild roses

*Helen Buckingham (UK)*

Late summer —  
curtains and shadows  
shift in the heat

*James Roderick Burns (UK)*



thinking of you  
even this road  
is no more

Malintha Perera 2016

*Malintha Perera*

sandaled feet  
stirring the monkshood  
vesper bell

*Marilyn Fleming (USA)*

up Monument Mountain  
the trail blazed blue  
tree by tree

*Anthony Botti (USA)*

early dawn  
transient moon comes  
from the grasses

*Goran Gatalica (Croatia)*

pan flute song –  
woven with the sky's blue  
romanian blouse tassels

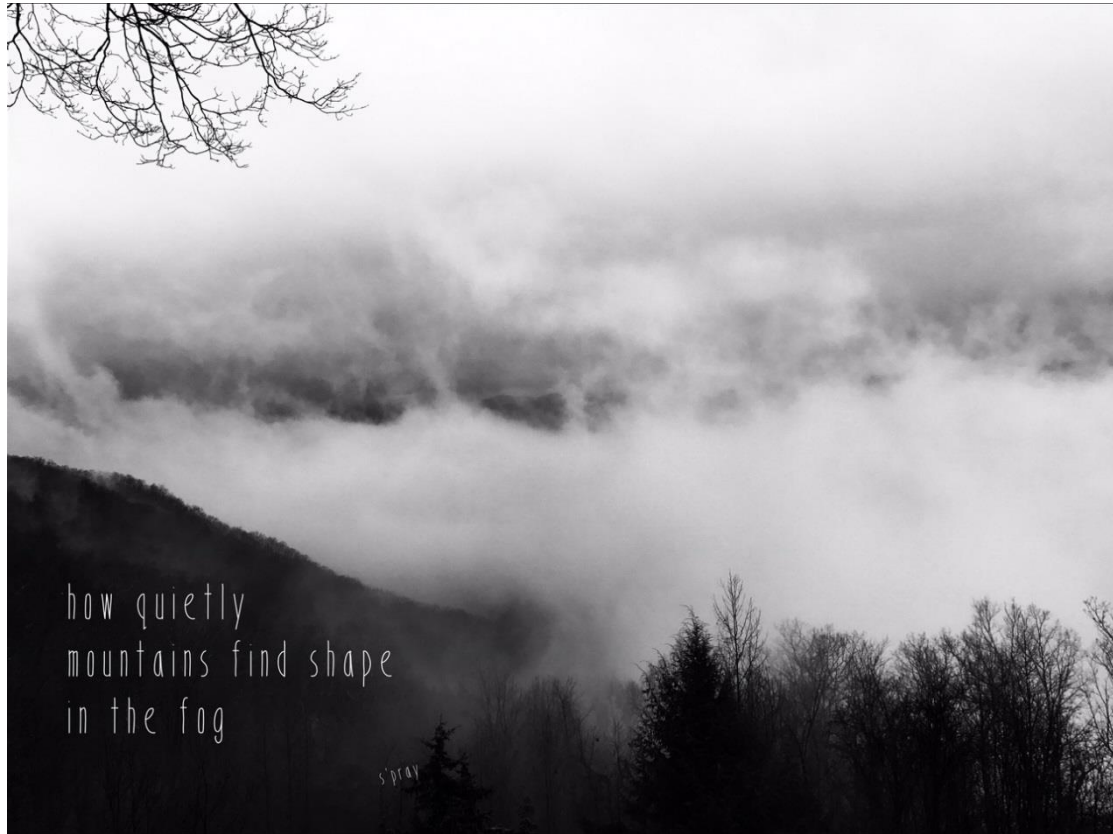
*Steliana Cristina Voicu  
(Romania)*

summer wind blowing in  
from across the sea  
old blue eyes

*James Babbs (USA)*

loud tides  
disturbed mind  
becoming silent

*Mallika Chari (India)*



how quietly  
mountains find shape  
in the fog

s'pray

*Sandi Pray*

naked trees  
one at a time -  
knitting woolen things

*Lavana Kray (Romania)*

mountain mist  
monastery roofs  
dwell in silence

*Luisa-Evelina Stifii (Romania)*

gathering clouds  
the subtle change  
in her voice

*Nika (Canada)*

Capricorn night  
looking deeper  
into the pond

*Simon Hanson (Australia)*

river stones  
what's still unexplored  
between us

*Sharon Pretti (USA)*

Hazy moon  
the clear sound  
of a thudding nutmeg

*Ken Sawitri (Indonesia)*

thunderheads —  
pea vines lashing  
the wind

*Bill Waters (USA)*

thick mud after rain  
lifting my footprints  
after me

*Adjei Agyei-Baah (Ghana)*

brown pelicans  
without their shadows  
...a tugboat's horn

*Patricia Daharsh (USA)*

following footsteps through dirty snow ash Wednesday

*Jennifer Hambrick (USA)*

storm-downed tree...  
how hard we find it  
mending broken ties

*Marietta Jane McGregor  
(Australia)*

the first snow  
smell  
of childhood

*Gennady Nov (Russia)*

alpine scree  
flecks of snow  
in my beard

*Bruce H. Feingold (USA)*

chill wind -  
in the clearing  
abandoned voices

*Lysa Collins (Canada)*

no stars  
a single window light  
goes out


*Jan Dobb (Australia)*

wintry dusk –  
my phone call  
unanswered

*Maria Laura Valente (Italy)*

a snowflake falls  
on a snowman  
faces in a crowd

*Robert Witmer (Japan)*



crossover night  
crossing in shadow  
my old habits

Haiku: Adjei Agyei-Baah  
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*haiku: Adjei Agyei-Baah; photo: Alexei Bednij*



trout splashes—  
from this century  
only the kayak

*Tom Sacramona (USA)*

eyebrow moon  
the way she utters  
those three words

*Chen-ou Liu (Canada)*

last short night  
mother stares at  
the fingernail moon

*Ramesh Anand (India)*

falling leaves-  
wind scatters our words  
down the alleys

*David Milovanović (Serbia)*

shaking his antlers  
a moose sheds  
the cold lake

*Bruce H. Feingold (USA)*

the vee  
of migrating geese  
sheets flap on the line

*Jo Balistreri (USA)*

wedding proposal  
a thousand paper cranes  
take flight

*Scott Wiggerman (USA)*

heavy traffic bees in the jasmine vine

*Gavin Austin (Australia)*

1000 paper cranes -  
cannot fold  
war into peace

*Valentina Ranaldi-Adams (USA)*

jasmine  
on the dashboard--  
inner city spring

*Robyn Cairns (Australia)*

shapes of spring  
snow melts  
in a deer carcass

*Adrian Bouter (The Netherlands)*

Judas steer  
finding myself  
in the driver's seat again

*Christina Sng (Singapore)*

easter morn  
the cross-town camber  
of change bells

*Jan Benson (USA)*

autumn grey -  
each thought southbound  
with the mourning doves

*Tiffany Shaw-Diaz (USA)*

October dusk  
black oceans of doubt  
in the 8 ball

*Anna Cates (USA)*

think tank oil in the lobby well

*Bill Cooper (USA)*

letting go  
of all her selves  
skin-tight jeans

*Nika (Canada)*

counting milestones not much left to say

*Shloka Shankar (India)*

*12<sup>th</sup> month  
how long the night  
without her*



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