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Dedication

This first collection is dedicated to online poets both past and present, looking toward future days together.



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The Cryptic Bard is only cryptic on a couple of layers and once past those the heart and mind is free. The Bard\'s catch line is: \"Cry Petey! The bards are coming!\"



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new moon dangling carrot forsaking all else the other side of the coin and the moon whispered tempest that's a wrap thanks for the applause the insolent bystander waterfront solitude do you still remember non-elegy frequent flier would-be people's queen thicker than blood impervious impermeability waning gibbous re(ad)writing poetry Hey! You bit my sandwich! live fed matins hands off that snooze button! days of the living dead come together a-poeting deep water treading

darkside bright

to be seen
site timeout
behind each poem
as the smoke clears
and I try to be brave
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silver threaded web

aubade 2023

a vantaged perch
put a ring on it
basted glow
on the banks of the Oise
the silent quill
of resolute anticipation
pygmalean ivory
CBD
once
fee free
commit to pen
Why do we trust in you?
ever closer
not to be messed with
trinketry
flowershop blather
memorial garden
pinch and a punch
tongue in cheek
peering and squinting
inside out
hidden valentine
more than counting sheep
star signed
cure alls

cursors and curses
anthologizing
within reach
confrontational history
your holy book or mine?
wharfside reverie
headstone mash
no longer mine
going, not gone
supplication
exist-inguished crises
skyward
church with no parishioners
out of depth
purple martin calling
old soul
chiseled out
awkward footfalls
battle and dream
flight delayed
drifting home
murahachibu
hanami
stairs
full stop

seasonal diabetes
life from home
Kernou
bedtime symphony
come and get it
pyrite-technic
hearticulate
luminaries
lift
summer breeze
air quotes
manstrocity
Johnnie Walker
young love's shimmer
we're living in a meridian world
coronated
Mumble, the cat
plumbing depths
wilderness calling, again
bygones gone by
giant's demise
stars and gripes
cannery row
prehensile pledge
first snow blues

muse assistants
fair go
scare
blessing
leading you home
a small night music disarray
fare thee well
a little poem?s wayfaring
leap of faith
always
beats
splice and sail
empty bookends
to change
mimesis by torchlight
squelch
pop goes resolve
manicured thoughts
door
dancing koto
good lad
minutiae
Faraday's lack
weedkillers
winter furnace

new bloom

break of dawn

truest frame

summer fête

Oktoberfest

the next day
reading the room
each time you leave
Cemetery
spend yourself
voice of one gone
kitchen reverie
absinthian reveries
lone plumeria
flamebuoyant
fly
recital
untimely demise
darkish hopefulness
stick to it
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of thunder and fire
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a thought out of joint
Chatterton?s Redress
smokescreen
gingko tree
Welcome to my limbo
N-tropy
pitcher plant
until that day comes
To Persephoné
limbo
Atacama symphony
pareidolia
wishful thinking
Branches of a tree
poetically breathe
There be no poetry-by-numbers
Pearly whites
?teqsun?
the only light
lone light
becoming keeper and herald
unlimiting
some things, we overlook
think of me
think of you



think of others

rosy cheeked

long distance for now



reed music

Amber frosted reeds
in the summers wind
swaying, dancing,
synchronised now
syncopated and back
shouting then singing
xanthine etudes
boisterous and raucous
bright and nimble
leaving pliant
graceful kisses
on a soft smooth cheek.



5-7-5 a.1

birds chitter chatter perched high upon tension wires cable party line



is it not your day?

Belatedly, towing a rust-worn Saab, where many dreams and adventures are wrenched from a youngster's brooding petulance ...
Gravel crunches under a pair of balding tires guttural screaming to a downbeat of debt spewing silently from a tattered billfold.

What a present: timely to an empty fridge, in the hallway, a growing pile of washing impatiently reeking of malodorous intent.



no poetry by numbers

numbers do not the soul touch or rouse from depths of reverie whose shallow sepulchral beauty surface deep revelations aplenty plead with matrimonial vows, thus parchment scribbles & ceremonies do not a marriage make and neither will ice cream make us any colder after calories kick in poetry's soul may ride its form but transcends its empirical parts its triumph for all to behold: at last, Pinocchio sheds his strings



Happy birthday, William Wordsworth

It's May the 12th, 2022 and you graced this world 212 years ago. A gorgeous night it must have been, and quite liberally serene, Whence through these lands the daily toils would cease While supper and vespers mingle with children's whispers Perhaps unmoved by lofty aspirations bring before God Unfettered by reservations, their heartfelt adoration.



Goodbye, Dad

yesterday at dawn the moment a cloud-filled sky blanketed grey my eyelids scroll to see and feel you waiting, free through this jungle and its concrete mountains no longer away from thee a second hand orbits on poker-faced landscape thought without thinking sight without seeing listen without hearing solitary, anonymous, scrunched forward melancholy doldrum on a dawn as dark as night there shall be no burnished dusk or starlit twilight nor shall buds blossom forth and on arrival, upon your urn shall alight a lone plumeria and a crystal tear



Ballad of Billy McGee

With disdain they looked upon one Billy McGee a boy that promised never to be; a rep that's scarred and scratched, for sure his name's mismatched as darker skin ya'ever did see on blackish hair with reddish flecks of Billy McGee. A red haired aboriginal boy matches were only a toy and he was caught red handed and always branded the troublesome fire starter. Poor boy had no farda he was stolen in a generation; trouble, his one destination for any of his wild-sown seed. Never had a chance, Billy McGee.



waterfront recital

ribald footprints
of a silent, broken guitar
rendezvous with an ebbing tide:
recalcitrant thoughts wash away
along this sandy shore.



Rotterdam

Red train rested at Rotterdam station
Over the border to meet a friend
Trains all over Europe pass here
Today is a bright and sunny day
Every person glows in its brightness
Realising not a former disaster, that
During the 40's destruction erupted
Along these very streets, evacuated

Murderous bombs wreaking havoc



Poet, Speak! or forever be silent

a poem is the funeral pyre of pulsations, once exhumed but now still present; fueled by the flame of our rue-filled memories a poet is the gathering together of thought and hope that intermingle with the burnished trim of a late afternoon sky and poetry is a dream garbed in bilious words whose raiment is laced by meandering verse and be-jeweled by barely parted lips: It takes but a whisper to free the wandering soul.



fly south

streaks through granite sheets feathers flap against tinged sky stalks sway in the breeze



harvest moon

shadowy sheets cover, dark, shining lips purse; pointy ears prick skyward as corn stalks pondered chanting scarecrows curse in a sea of dreams left over



a nag called Time

An untamed spirit

She's been called

She waits for no one

And to none bow down;

No whisperer nor wizard

Could ever break her:

She goes on at her bidding

Deadlines send you reeling.

Tangle with her and you're done for,

How you'd come through, no telling.

But brash or brave

I must face her

Each second hand

A pulse-raiser

And time harnessed

shall be my steed into some future sunset

that I should still meet.



You That Have

You, who have hope in things yet to be done, words yet to be spoken; You are blessed. You, who have faith in things never to be seen, words never to be spoken: You are belovéd. You, who have trust in things already done, words sincerely woven; You are giftéd. You, who have love in things freely given, words taken in and shared; You are loved.



how I came to be

it's when you looked my way and first took notice of me... that is how I came to be.



no promise of regret

As long as there are no longer tears of sorrow and regret

May the kindest gestures of filial affection ever beget;

our friendship has been blest from shore to shore,

each wondrous exchange our devotions now restore



thread diving

people are our real legacy; one day sure, entire poems shall have been forgotten, while remains a phrase or a feeling drawn from wells deeper than memory can reach, or device can retrieve much like thread-diving as we scamper for posts buried by traffic and flood posters... follow, subscribe, or friend buttons can only do so much so we hang on to what we have and hold dear, today saving each precious moment if bookmarked sentiments are promises all will be well we'll boldly breathe again



when roses bloomed

There you are,
Playing domestics;
Passing each other

Cups & saucers

While I sit back,
Being waited upon
To take it all in -

This apparition Of simple bliss.

Why was this not possible When roses bloomed In the garden?



report card demolition

Fresh and clean
to smell and feel
my favourite jeans
like second skin
but as i zip up
i feel a lump
a wad of fluff
a foreign feel
i pulled and fished
but there remained
fibres and particles
in the pocket deep
i pinch the bottom end
and pull from inside
'til it's fully out
a white-washed tongue
letting the wind

take up in its wings
the remaining fluff
of what once was
my marks and grades
of a school year done
obliterated, disintegrated

into lumps of pocket fluff



ode to the ferry pilot

Up on screen I hear them scream, bright and vibrant, happy and sadwords and stanzas on a digital pad. I will always remember your poetry.

Within your verses each line offers wonders - mysteries of thought, universalities in observations caught.

I will always remember your expression.

A frequent flyer, expectant passenger, beyond the distant shores I travel; safely aboard your verbose vessel.

I shall always remember your name.



steadfast chestplate

toy soldier
all for her
steadfast,
forever
1016461

except for one glaring clerical error:

her tin heart beats for another toying; callous

sends him off

to slaughter; a battler with no shield or armour.

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elegy for Jonathan, the prince

stately tall you meekly stand on your finger the signet band for my sake you shunned your crown for my breath your devotion fierce you gave for me your sword and squire your hospitality did never tire proud brothers in battle or play companions going about each day in your shadow I had no care my home's cupboards were never bare song and merriment never missed hunger a stranger to my lips your place at court set second to mine your heart pure - best fruit of vine your eyes reflect esteem so dear no man's affection held so near O gallant Prince in battle slain my soul cries out for you in pain Saul's crown you've set upon my head a long-held secret I shan't covet My lord, one could never repay; the debt of friendship's love dismay? to live this life as noble and true to generously care and give as you Prince of the Realm, if you could hear the Scroll of the Upright, loud and clear in the Song of the Bow proclaimed praise of our filial bond inscribed.



a lullaby

Hush now
don't fret
the lights are dim
my little pet
Sleep now
my love
wings tucked in
my little dove

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'til all my breath is you

How have you inked this palpitant heart? Well, let me tell you: Your barbs extend long and deep and far, far enough to pierce skin of my resistance with needlepoint of your persistence. But not only skin deep; you refuse to settle for what I had to offer, deep-you broke skin and plunged deeper than anyone ever did go pierced right through very venal lining polluted my bloodstream with your insistence infusing ink of thought rushing in its onslaught sucked through mitral port into my ventricle left graffitied and stained your ink spreading toxin 'til all my breath is you



Spring's possibilities

When your winter breaks into spring think of new and wonderful things while autumn creeps passed your window break this winter free of sorrow wait upon seasons - wait on life live each day loving - escaping weave each day's new strands - engaging one day looking back - mem'ries rife.



if we had wings to fly

Much like Icarus, off they go; until condensation metes them reality's condescension:
Whose goals and objectives are minute in life's greater scheme; wings fashioned from floss harps-Yet they soar each firmament; nary a doubt would sway resolve; no tempest or tumult could dissuade. If you chance upon a cloudless day catch their echo of jubilant cries and contemplate your turn to fly.



Midnight Rendezvous

Join me in this boat of drunkenness,
Come with me and we shall both be drunk.
Let's sway beside what we think ourselves,
Swerving as the waves swell beneath us;
Lifting us to where lonely sounds warp,
While many other things become clear.

Come upon my mind, your tongue in mine, And utter words that rend this turmoil; The sound of madness not to be stilled, Our silent voices, raging waters.

The world will list to one side of us

And back to the other in one beat.

Ghosts wail in the howling of the wind;

The sweat streams from a thousand souls,

They fling their drunken bodies upon us;

We feel only their salty wetness.

All at once they crash against this boat; Their breath will chill the flaming sea, Then drift back again to drowsy depths, As our oars cut through this heady wine.

here

Here are words no longer spoken of memories now faded and broken hearted, but their onslaught remain whose friendship and esteem contain.

After all these intervening years this ever filling cup of hopes and fears bring these straying thoughts to bay while days accrue and debtors pay.

Now being none the wiser, although some things may ail a father, bestow a gift no king's horses or men could offer today shall likewise slip into forever.

Dear child, your heart is ever learning more and more each day, you're turning more like the self that you imagine live each moment through this world's raucous din .



crocus buds

crocus buds burst forth
peep and poke through dunes of white
winter bows to spring

when the sun begins to shine again vital truths on wood-lined paths arise



gems inside

as soon as it's spoken as soon as it's heard words evaporate words depreciate so we try to keep them frozen and chisel them onto poems with a hope, come melt-time a fossilised facsimile resides



spiral noose

breathe:

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all else

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do

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wa

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spin.
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bells appeal

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peeling bells
rusting fine
heave and sigh
peal at twilight
embers thrashing about
glowing whispers



considered exchanges

turn your gaze to power of life and death: they lie dormant, seeded potentialities;

a flower's expectancy in each quiescent tongue and those who love either will surely sup of their fruit



a poet's tears

some time, somewhere, out there

someone had said that one part of poetry is a reservoir that holds all the sadness of this world

What then does this say of a poet?

it is not seen how that portion poets bear bare on virginal leaves all their flight and fears

are tears morphed in pressed ink



What is 'forever' to a heart?

It's never easy to step out into the sunlight away from the safety of your walls - indoors. Sometimes you forget just how hard it can get, Until a door slams shut in your face midstep-knowing that you threw the hinges of yours.

It's never fair when you give your heart away, only to find their forever ended yesterdayThat you will from here on forward love on, caring for both your heart and theirsthe un-requitedness would be for sure.

It's never too late to hope and dream of good; all will be well if we trust in the heart we love-that what has brought us together upholds, until a window opens up and lets light in again: darkness has no place - forever eternally bright.

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Elyssa, fugitive princess

tragic queen Elissa, foundress of Carthage. Her brother, Pygmalion slew her husband, the chief priest Acharbas and in the uproar fled with Tyrian nobles, bearing gold on a fleet of Phoenician ships. Then on Mauritanian coastline she bought some land to build a new city-state, from the vantage of Byrsa on which her citadel stands 'circumfenced' by strips of ox-hide strung along the perimeter of the hill The Berber chieftain rather stingily offered as much land as a ox-hide could cover and later on sought her hand in marriage as the city grew in wealth and regional importance but she threw herself into flames of a priestly funeral pyre to Tanit in self-immolation for the dead god of vegetation, Adonis-Eshmun Dido, as she was known, hence was elevated to goddess and patroness of that great Punic realm of Carthage



open sesame

people's cupboards and fridges tell a curious tale of everything some a cluttered obstacle course others an impenetrable rain forest some coyly veiling their secrets others flamboyantly revealing mysteries both shallow and deep behind doors their treasures keep



so, fill us with good things

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there was a vacancy in a place where an abyss engulfed chastity a concept strange and quite suspect in a world were we value prospect; a rarity to sanely slumber at night

and receive sagely uttered sentiment whose aid in these moonlit promises birth occupancy in vacillating crises perhaps a constancy redeems piety; another word that reveals this malady



simply hope

. brioche mornings bright, sunny fluffy moorings cast away off sun-kissed horizon, ne'er set dreams astray ?

wash

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Spun out of control.

Bobbing then pommeled, squashed then bloated.

A lone occupant within the confines of a tumble dryer at full spin....

An impatient hand lifts the lid off with deft, well practised fingers

hopeful that in so doing would speed up the process.

The spinning abruptly stops resuming only when the lid is firmly shut securely in place.

With a banging and a rattling the tumbling ensues... digits lifting assured the interruption overridden.

The mind opens to the fact that there is one entry and one exit on this front loader churning Its machinations moistens the dank air and frigid tiles with a slimy condensation.

A final click breaks the dense silence.

From inside the searing metal tub emerges a once bright red garment its fabric faded, familiar, and frayed.

i lurv u

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mess with this heart why don't you? still oblivious to all you are all the effects you have messing this here heart

swagger into the room head careening, askew slurring pronouncements your fond affections spew I lurv you..... I lurv you

why burden this heart when sober, always aloof hardly your eyes meet mine tongue-tied and twisted no words, no touch, no smile

wake up, sober up and see there is so much more, here more than cooler cans in hand or that awful look in your eyes as you sway, pleading, with me

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Are you my butterfly?

My butterfly is no longer mine,
I wonder if she ever really was;
When she alights on my shoulder
I know she wants me to hold her Flies off and she's mine no longer.

My butterfly so frail and fine,
I wonder if I was ever hers;
When she returns to kiss me again
I know she's more than just a friend Flies off and gone forever more.



windswept smiles

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long, top down drives even shirtless tans sweet strawberry kisses and glorious watermelon stains laughter lifting through the trees glimpses of sun blest promises sugar coated whispers catching in the breeze fruit bowls, waterholes and refreshing icy poles interlacing fingers share starry nights and lazy days .



harvest

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over many moons and calendars
over many many miles of verse
both in sharing and receiving, lines
feeding an ever emptying purse
may these blossoms fruit among their vines

twilight promise

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a husk, a shell that's fallen off
the back that bore its longest day
to struggle for release supreme
from odious yesterday redeemed

i gaze in stupefied wonder
and peer into the dusky swirls
of the distant pealing thunder
that offers me a new day's thrill

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desire

flame

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running faster than
you can flutter a lash
flash
rushing swifter than
we can sniff a flower
fresh
rippling quieter than
they can queue on Black
Friday



harmonisation

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music and words together pluck on heartstrings forever



let's dare to hope again

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in spite of what surrounds us whatever circumstances are we learn to find peace within ourselves regardless of what's

going on around us, learning to self-soothe kind of thing and find we all come through to the other side, strong

persons we've missed; our friendships through a new season approaching and a sense begins to form that peace rising up from

inside the very core of you! and it's a happy moment this first day of autumn here, although summer is quite happily overstaying

so colours are changing and the breeze is blowing face the horizon, your hair a banner waving, highlights in sun beams, catch and shine My poetic Side 🗣



at the table, with you

.

Thereupon a banquet spread delectable dishes arrayed greens, meats, fruit, and wine marine, fowl, farm, and vine Alongside me your visage bright imbibing, ingesting, we sup from selfsame platter dine my heart yours and yours mine

that focal moment

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It may be dark; but tonight effervescent lights dance to a blaring par-tay tune

while in the shadows, we parlay...

reach over me and flick the switch; let bokeh find clarity in our fervent embrace.

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change that rope

.

The well has not gone dry, less frequented maybe by both the drawers and the occasional passersby.

The stones are loose; between them, mortar dissolvesby clement or contrary weather on seasonal cue.

The vessel is parched and longs for its lover by pulley once lowered its rope frayed with disuse.

what writing can be

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often it is the only etched thing between you and improbability.

no stink kicked up,

no feigning love, no affluence can even hatch it.

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after war, peace

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bridge of light flashes

blue oceans cross currents

rainbow cloudless skies

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The Rhymester

There he goes pacing, this young man, I see his shadows through the shades; Drawn to lift them but didn't dare For then his face he hid and fled

I know my shadow is all he'd see
From behind the blinds that us divide
He reaches out and reaches in
His arms are weak, too frail and thin

He cries out with all his being Screaming, cursing, with voiceless words; They fly and hurtle towards me, Scratching, gouging, making craters.

'Why?' he asks, the eternal, WHY?
Flailing his arms against that sky.
I reply with hoarse crackling sounds,
Noises of one without the answers.

I stand before him fixedly,
Stared down the shadow at myself
It is dark in there, in his room
But at night this Youth's windows glow.

At the time when all is quiet,
What is it he might be doing?
He reaches in and reaches out,
Arms not needed to block the sun.

The shades roll up of their own will,

No blinding light to sear his face

And then his sparkling eyes meet mine,



His silent words bestowing life.



Summer Moon

There is a mystery about her
That even at night she casts shadows;
You'll find her playful as well as kind,
No other friend in the dark to find.

She's out when it's too early for bed, When the lights are on and the sun has fled; Her face smiles with a soft silver glow, Her breath you'll feel as the night winds blow.

She invites you to join her in play,
To have some fun at the end of a day;
That you may smile in your dreams tonight,
And in the morn get up fresh and bright.



home

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thoughts for that House that Time built where a life had been lovingly wrapped in emotion and garlanded with thoughts: share with us, like unto fragmented bits of tinsel confetti or silvery-speckled sand in the briny breeze of life-catching sunlight that reflects who you are in flowing wordswell-used tree-lined avenue of yesterdays

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silent glow

silent glow



some things we overlook



summer streets

summer streets



branches of a tree

branches of a tree

promise

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a husk, a shell that's fallen off
the back that bore it's long day
a struggle supreme to be released
redeemed from odious yesterdays

i gaze at this in stupefied wonder and peer into the dusky swirls of the distant pealing thunder that offers a promise of new days

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restless

Is remorse a prison to the soul the sole utterance of reproach that if not to myself be True the possible best in life accrue

What if regret creeps on the morning a thief stalking the shadow of dawn as fresh from bare motive drawing crystal arteries of a day that is new

or shall we allow the mind meander let it's "work" find itself crowning there in its core uncover simplicity strip away a mournful state of heart



pact

would you for the love of me tie this lace upon a tree

when the wind upon it blows my heart on yonder river flows



tidy groomy trim

TRIM, slim, and shiny
I search and rummage
through the vanity
my nails all grimey
Trim claw-like integument
clipclip snip and clip
get them all in shape
file them, keep them squared
TRIM, slim, and shiny
back into the vanity
the drawer is never tidy
my nails no longer grimy



long night

long night



penny for a lost thought

https://imgur.com/a/7aa0dMN



reminiscences

memory is a child seen and waiting to be heard



outback

haiku

the budding senescent



What's a decade here and there?

imPRESSions



read to your satisfaction

imPRESSions

Chatterton's redress

 \sim imPRESSions \sim



with you



new moon

dangling carrot

 \sim imPRESSions \sim



forsaking all else



the other side of the coin

tossed in the upward of the downside flips and turns, glinting in the sun what will it be today, latch key kid? as you step onto that creaking, broken "home sweet home" frayed and faded fading still

buffeted in the upper bunk of insomniacs 'dis funk sho n'all' can see what's coming down its warren, rabbit holes abound as you edge along a swinging tight wire don't look down, sharps and broken glass waiting still

scratches on top corners of empty pages scribbles and riddles eventually forming thoughts of a house Time won't ever build shards spray and sparkle, catch waning light fragmenting images take on moonlit flight flying still



and the moon whispered



tempest



that's a wrap



thanks for the applause



the insolent bystander



waterfront solitude



do you still remember



non-elegy



frequent flier

~ impressIONS ~



would-be people's queen

~ impressIONS ~



thicker than blood

~ impressIONS ~



impervious impermeability



waning gibbous



re(ad)writing poetry



Hey! You bit my sandwich!



live fed matins



hands off that snooze button!

~ impressIONS ~



days of the living dead

~ impressIONS ~



come together a-poeting

come together a-poeting in collegial harmony and cast an olive branch on needless animosity therein find revelries of that true marriage of minds



deep water treading

beautiful daughters, useful sons loophole lawyers slimy creative cons both work the system rather work with the system either that or tire and cramp floating adrift while deep water treading



darkside bright



to be seen

~ exPRESSions ~



site timeout

when a timeout occurs
and all them eggs are in one basket
each and every one of them forget
unless on another one, poems stack;
no hope at all to get them back
just this day at the café for writers
throughout the day, timed out



behind each poem



as the smoke clears



and I try to be brave



sunrising sunset



star gazing



take two

https://youtu.be/1qDy4OMAkgY



looking for a real bargain



not to be messed with



Paper Boat



longing for summer showers



Strindberg Principle



to be agreed

we will not always agree; that's the apogee and we can always strive not to disagree disagreeably when we agree to disagree agreeably; sweet perigee are we agreed?



singularity



until the next post

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advance of the hermit of Chester (1066 A.D.)



karaoke verse



through the night



licence to keel

~ imPRESSions ~ 2/50 orchillenge



moloch's dagger



rude regret



a feather called MacAroni



coaster poetry



dare we open the windows bleak



witless waxing



toward-winter verse



rail branches



forgive me, pater



main architect



end of the month

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falling leaves



with you



minding your portals



seasonalities



fill each unruled page



in there somewhere was goodbye



sea change



asteriskos



fallen



muffly muppet



transitions



ode to Phillis Wheatley



irreconcilably different?



substacking



where might you be?



capricious recollections



fastidious malignment



skinned alive



negotiable leave



germinant style birthed



new car



benefit of drought



ice fishing anyone?



granny's steinway



never led astray



baggage claim delay



antipolarity



inimitable contrivances



what i'm not saying



crypticbard



with John and Paul



carillon



eternally connected



angel envy

 \sim imPRESSions \sim



booth chill



head gear all in poe



there



shapeshifting

 \sim imPRESSions \sim



Mr Right



not all that glisters is gold



grand coterie



I am not your cup of tea!



silver threaded web

~?imPRESSions?



aubade 2023

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a vantaged perch



put a ring on it



basted glow



on the banks of the Oise



the silent quill



of resolute anticipation



pygmalean ivory



CBD



once



fee free



commit to pen



Why do we trust in you?



ever closer



not to be messed with



trinketry



flowershop blather



memorial garden



pinch and a punch



tongue in cheek



peering and squinting



inside out



hidden valentine



more than counting sheep



star signed



cure alls



cursors and curses



anthologizing



within reach



confrontational history



your holy book or mine?



wharfside reverie



headstone mash



no longer mine



going, not gone



supplication



exist-inguished crises



skyward



church with no parishioners

no other quiet place to be had the noise held at abeyance for once a clear line of thought within an ocean that is quelled no other reason to escape to the hesitation means no mediation for once meditation brings relief within a garden that is well trimmed no other family to hold dear the abandonment our souls steer for once a soul stirs in anticipation within a crested grotto hemmed



out of depth



purple martin calling



old soul



chiseled out



awkward footfalls



battle and dream



flight delayed



drifting home



murahachibu



hanami



stairs



full stop



seasonal diabetes



life from home



Kernou



bedtime symphony



come and get it



pyrite-technic



hearticulate



luminaries



lift



summer breeze



air quotes



manstrocity



Johnnie Walker



young love's shimmer



we're living in a meridian world



coronated



Mumble, the cat



plumbing depths



wilderness calling, again

~ imPRESSIONS ~



bygones gone by

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giant's demise



stars and gripes



cannery row



prehensile pledge



first snow blues



muse assistants



fair go



scare



blessing



leading you home



a small night music disarray



fare thee well



a little poem?s wayfaring



leap of faith



always



beats



splice and sail



empty bookends



to change



mimesis by torchlight



squelch



pop goes resolve



manicured thoughts



door



dancing koto



good lad



minutiae



Faraday's lack



weedkillers



winter furnace



new bloom



break of dawn



truest frame



summer fête



Oktoberfest



the next day



reading the room



each time you leave

~ impressIONs ~



Cemetery



spend yourself



voice of one gone

kitchen reverie



absinthian reveries



lone plumeria



flamebuoyant







recital



untimely demise

~ exPRESSed ~



darkish hopefulness



stick to it



Spendthrift



Promises



of thunder and fire



Pandanus



a vantaged perch



a thought out of joint



Chatterton?s Redress



smokescreen



gingko tree



Welcome to my limbo



N-tropy

A year-end getaway
by air and land and sea:
may you N-joy, N-ergise,
N-corporate new found things;
return to us safely N-ervated
and keep away all form of N-tropy



pitcher plant



until that day comes



To Persephoné



limbo



Atacama symphony

pareidolia

 \sim imPRESSions \sim



wishful thinking

 \sim imPRESSions \sim



Branches of a tree

~ imPRESSions ~



poetically breathe



There be no poetry-by-numbers



Pearly whites



?teqsun?



the only light

~ imPRESSions ~



lone light



becoming keeper and herald



unlimiting



some things, we overlook

~ imPRESSions ~



think of me



think of you



think of others



rosy cheeked



long distance for now