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YOUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
the old neighborhood
still impressed in the sidewalk:
my dead brother's name

on opposite banks
of the muddy creek

out of the farmhouse
running through the sunflowers
buttoning up her blouse

my dead brother's room:
the vacuum cleaner drowns out
mother's grieving

emerging from shells,
cicadas in private Hells
leave asylum cells

the hot sun draws near
in the shade of cottonwoods:
barbecued ribs and beer

down from the stone bridge,
spitting on my reflection:
clouds in the creek

on the muddy creek
mallards feeding on bread crusts
knead the morning moon

the old crow caw caw
over the oak in the rain
complains of the chain saw

my dead brother's room:
the vacuum cleaner drowns out

emerging from shells,
asylum ears

asylum ears hear
cicadas in their private hells
emerging from shells

the hot sun draws near
in the shade of the cottonwood:
barbecued ribs and beer

leaving their shells,
asylum cicadas emerge
from private Hells
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
the cross in the park
draped with a purple veil,
shadows the wind

at the Monument,
counting the myriad names:
the sons of the dead

after the banquet,
discussing world hunger:
the Gourmet Club

on the cracked sidewalk
soaking in the autumn rain:
my dead brother's name

on the petition
condemning Agent Orange:
the names of the dead

on the Peace Treaty
signed on the reservation:
the names of the dead

on the register
of the VFW Convention:
the names of the dead

on the ship's log
sunken in Pearl Harbor
In the ship's log
on the bottom of Pearl Harbor:
the names of the dead

the battleship's log
on the bottom of Pearl Harbor:
the names of the dead

going up in flames

in the ovens of Auschwitz:
the names of the dead

go out of the flames
in the ovens of Auschwitz:
the names of the dead

rising from the flames
in the ovens of Auschwitz:
the names of the dead

rising from the smoke
and flames

stoking the ovens,
rising from the smoke and flames:
the names of the dead
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the old neighborhood
etched in the cold wet pavement:
the names of the dead

In the circular file
at the turn of the century:
the names of the dead

the new century:
burning in the circular file:
the names of the dead

the century turns
burning in the circular file:
the names of the dead

New Year's morning mist
mixed with smoke, beer and whiskey:
toy horn at my feet

piling the names of the dead
in the circular file

on the cracked sidewalk
calked by an ant colony:
my dead brother's name
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shadows on the wall
of the Emergency Room;
whispers in the hall
on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom
from the darkened house
mingling with the autumn wind;
father's violin
on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
moon casting shadows

on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
shadows in the wind
on the telegram
torn from mother's hand:
my dead brother's name

shadows on the wall
of the Emergency Ward;
whispers in the Hall
up in the linden
mingling with the summer wind;
whispers from the treehouse
from the darkened house
mingling with the autumn wind:
father's violin
on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
the linden's shadow
on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
shadows of the wind
talking to myself,
walking through the old neighborhood:
names on the sidewalk

on the telegram
blurring in the autumn rain:
my dead brother's name
on the cracked sidewalk
mended by carpenter ants:
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stadium rally
out of the loudspeaker
the nuclear freeze

on the telegram
in the hands of the Major:
the names of the dead

through the party wall,
our neighbor's cigarette smoke

on the frozen creek
gulls fighting over fishheads:
the edge of the ice

bitten fingernails
open rusted-shut jack knife:
elderberry cuttings

bitten fingernails
fail the rusted-shut jack knife:
elderberry cuttings

our next door neighbor
returning from Florida:
the first mourning dove

television news
reports a beautiful moon

on the frozen creek
gulls fighting over fishheads:
in the morning mist

my little brother
flinging feathers in the wind:
freshly painted porch

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my little brother flinging feathers in the wind

outside the sick room
shadows on the wall
outside the sick room

shadows on the wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
whispers in the hall
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
"Angle Worms for Sale"

folding his tiny fingers
over a quarter

farcostraggedawn

picnicicada

raccoonstreamoon
dogcemeterydark

on the Wailing Wall
worn by centuries of wind:
the names of the dead

on the old dog tags

don the dog tags
drawn from the battered helmet:
the names of the dead

on the Torah scroll
unrolling in the cold wind:
the names of the dead

homeward through the heat
terminating the tour:
his body on ice

on the cracked sidewalk
uplifted by linden roots:
the names of the dead

an ant on the bathroom floor
solves the tile maze

the battle without,
and the big battle within:
the names of the dead

the battle within,
and the big battle without:
the names of the dead

on the Wailing Wall
unveiled by the autumn wind:
the names of the dead

reading the dog tags
drawn from the battered helmet:
the names of the dead

on the monument
to greed and national shame:
the names of the dead

stolen pocketbook
lying on the empty lot
holds the cold wind
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
homeward through the heat
ending the Viet Nam tour:
his body on ice

on the coral reef
surrounding Iwo Jima:
the names of the dead

my brother's lost
among the many thousands:
the names of the dead

little brother lost
among the many thousands:
the names of the dead

written in red ink
on the nuclear warhead:
the names of the dead

written in blood
on the nuclear warhead:
the names of the dead

written in human blood
on the nuclear warhead:
the names of the dead

the war to end all war

the battle within
in the war to end all war:
the names of the dead

my poor brother's lost
among the many thousands
my brave brother's lost
among the many thousands:
the names of the dead

on the crosswalk
implanted by tear gas

on the brick sidewalk
made in the cold war
the names of the dead

on the distant
downward battle
the names of the dead
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
In the city creek,
a rusty shopping cart
holds a rotting carp

the first arrowhead:
thirsty sparrows are searching
the dry river bed

turning from the mirror
with terror and tears in her eyes:
the Viet Nam years

my smoky breathy
reflecting cold moonlight:
perfects the death verse

thrusting the price tag
in the eye of the striped bass:
the clerk's reflection

sunrise services

drawn from the battered helmet:
the names of the dead

arriving home
before two trunks filled with clothes

at the missile site,
on the nuclear warhead:
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
removing the mask
peering into the mirror
between two mirrors
reflecting each other
the autumn wind

Richard Wilbur
Dodsells road
Cummington Mass 01026

up the winding path,
a tiny butterfly finds
brother's epitaph

In the cold bedroom,
my breath reflecting moonlight
perfects the death verse

Easter morning:
a crowd of priests and mourners
surrounds the crown of thorns

City sewage creek:
a rusty shopping cart holds
a rotting gold carp

after the blizzard,
breaking through the frozen lake:
suffocating catfish

farmhouse ruins
covered with frozen snow;

farmhouse ruins
covered with frozen snow:
grandfather's shoe

a snowdrop spider
spinning a tiny cocoon
designs the spring moon

a cloud of blackbirds
the rising from wild rice field
eclipses the sun

farm on the hill
quiet in the twilight rain:
far train whistle

pear tree
killdeer
white bungalow
turning from the mirror
with terror and tears in her

turning from the mirror
with terror and tears in her eyes:

turning from the mirror
with terror and tears in her eyes:

my gold star mother
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
gust of dusty wind:
covering up my cup
of peppermint tea

standing in the rain,
dandelion in her hat band:
shopping bags in hand

swimming around
in the family bathtub:
carp for Passover

In the tenement
Toiling over spelling homework:
smell of boiled cabbage

on opposite banks
of the salt water creek:
feuding fishermen

far across the creek,
fading in the heat and haze:
cicada

the first arrowhead:
a troop of church boy scouts search
the dry river bed

they upset my garbage:
the little devils now dressed
for first communion

by the tortoise shell
on the shoulder of the road:
the bones of the hair

years of beer bottles,
century old snapping turtle

air raid siren fades:
the wheel chair at the window
shadows the drawn shade

now the days are slow
our neighbor dying of cancer;
questions, now answers

to care for worms they say
kids digging up the lawn

sweeping litter
under the carpet of surf:
summer wind

turning from the mirror
with terror and tears in her eyes
the years of the war

turning from the mirror
with terror and tears in her eyes:
the viet nam years

silence within silence

Easter morning:
finishing communion wine
in the sacristy
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
war memorial
reflected in the pudele;
the names of the dead

the class reunion
empty chairs at the tables;
the names of the dead

the class reunion
removing place-setting cards;
the names of the dead

the class reunion
on place-cards at the table;
the names of the dead

made from copperplate
made from copper plates
bearing the names of the dead;
the new temple bell
made from metal plates
bearing the names of the dead;
the new temple bell

yesterday's headlines
plastered on the passing hearse;
the names of the dead

the old bellmaker
melting copper plates bearing
the names of the dead

the old bellmaker
melting metal plates bearing
the names of the dead

the old bellmaker
melting metal plates
bearing the names of the dead:
the new temple bell

out of copper plates
bearing the names of the dead:
the new temple bell

hibernation ends
on the winterkilled caribou;
grizzly cubs descend

laster morning;
the renegade priest reading
the names of the dead
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
dropping the names of the dead
in the bronze bell mold

New Year's morning
stepping off the footpath;
letting the jogger by
tearing down
the old neighborhood:
the heat

cut of the shadow
of the cross in the park

farmhouse ruins
on the steps to the cellar:
grandfather's shoe

farmhouse ruins
atop the pile of rubble:
grandfather's shoe

pinned to small coffins,
lifting in the autumn wind:
the names of the dead
rows of small coffins
darkened by the acid rain
rows of small of headstones
through the August heat

through the August heat
pressure-cooking the coffin

the crosin
the cross in the park
marks the loss of time and life
defines the wino

the cross in the park
marking loss of time and life
defines the wino

rows of small headstones
darkened by the acid rain
the names of the dead
the old bellmaker
is melting family names
in the flaming mold

rows of small headstones
emerging from smoky rain

cemetery oak
soaking in acid rain:
the names of the dead

In the leaden tomb,
buried in nuclear waste:
the names of the dead

In the Cancer Ward,
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In the Cancer Ward, exposed to chemotherapy: the names of the dead

A.M.A. Convention, cracking in cigarette smoke: the names of the dead

on the movie lot, exposed to radiation: the names of the dead

on film location, exposed to radiation: the names of the dead

births, anniversaries in the back of the Bible: the names of the dead

on the altar cloth, in the shadow of the candle: the names of the dead

on the altar cloth, a flickering candle shadows the names of the dead

New Year's morning, after last night's accident: the names of the dead

another crony missing at the nursing home

among the living in the back of the Bible: the names of the dead
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
New Year's morning adding another name
adding another to the list: the names of the dead

just before he died with his blind wife at his side:
first sight of the sea on the calendar
with their execution dates:
the names of the dead

on the hanging tree
shadowing the plantation: the names of the dead

on the prison wall
with their execution dates: the names of the dead

the old neighborhood leveled by ball and bulldozer
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on metal dog tags
drawn from the battered helmet;
the names of the dead

my brother's name lost
among the many thousands:
the names of the dead

the villagers queue
wearing copper plates bearing
the names of the dead

New Year's morning
adding another name
adding copper plates
bearing the names of the dead:
casting the bronze bell
adding copper plates bearing
the names of the dead

the old bellmaker
adding copper plates bearing
the names of the dead

is melting copper plates bearing
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On Tuesday, April 3rd, the School Board election will be held at the Yorkship School from 2 PM to 9 PM.

Traditionally, the voter turnout is low for this type of election. This will allow a rare opportunity for the people of Fairview to place two 14th Ward residents, that will work together, on the board. Our team would benefit the community.

We need a large amount of residents, to come to the polls and vote, to make this possible. Enough votes from Fairview will mean a win for Fairview.

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Your friend and neighbor

MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
A window of the mission's door
deep in the mission's doorbox:
the name of the dead

The blood of the dead

The darkest day

A window of the mission's door.

The abandoned farm:

The last flock depart
A lame turtledove watches

The deserted farm:

The last flock depart
A lame turtledove watches

The drumfish

as we leave the church

with the flag-covered coffin

near the snowy edge

of the frozen creek's

muskreets

we hear the church

bells of the drumfish

an empty coffin

the turtledove's arm

Skate-covered cattails

above the open grave

Theيئة's moon

The drumfish

beneath an empty coffin

The darkest day

Gone, gone, gone.
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YOUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

MICHAEL P. MCGUIRE
Christmas morning
out of the children's stocking;
the names of the dead

In the root cellar

where the schoolhouse stood
before the spring tornado;
pile of bricks and wood

the darkening bay
marking the empty rowboat:
the heat of the drumfish

where snow and young grass
cover the unknown soldier
pairs of lovers pass

the darkened poolroom:
a lone shaded lamp dangles
in dust and thick smoke

tenement Christmas

the heat on the bay
beneath an empty rowboat

the heat on the bay
an empty rowboat adrift:
the heat of the drumfish

the darkening bay
an empty rowboat adrift:
the heat of the drumfish
golden dragonfly
guarding the
golden dragonfly

zigzagging the folded flag

the morning fog lifts
an empty rowboat adrift

flag-covered coffin:
golden dragonfly hovers
the open grave

trudging up the winding path:
darkened farmhouse
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
the Aztec altar
in the shadow of the knife:
the sun through screen door:
the shadow of mating flies
on the kitchen floor
on the altar cloth
in the shadow of the knife:
the Aztec child
on the Aztec altar
in the shadow of the knife:
the crying baby
sunlight through the screen door:
the shadow of mating flies
on the kitchen floor

sun through the screen door:
the shadow of mating flies
on the altar cloth
in the shadow of the knife:
the Aztec child

only the rope swings
over the old swimming hole;
the child of the wind

empty stadium
filled with wild flowers and weeds;
the dugout too
cut of snow and mist
cut of rows of cola ovens
cut of cola mist
cut of rows of old ovens

deeper in the woods,
diminishing raindrops
cut of the mist
cut of rows of cold ovens:
ghosts of Auschwitz
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New Year's morning mist
mixed with smells of smoke and beer:
toy horn at my feet
folded on her breast,
holding the old rosary:
palsied hands at rest
summer reunion:
another shirt-tail cousin
with picnic basket
winter solstice
out of the icy silence:
the tinkle of chimes
taking a last look
at the President, closing
the appointment book
In the linden tree
In the linden tree
at noon, not one cicada
lets the hot sun through
welfare lines
strung around the city bank:
the heat
winter twilight:
his frozen shirt on the clothesline
creaks in the cold wind
the Klondike gold rush
on a pile of filed claims:
the names of the dead
forgotten in the hot wind:
the names of the dead
the desert campaign
forgotten in the hot wind:
the names of the dead
so many Mass cards:
sympathy for my father
held in high regard
Washington's Crossing
the icy delaware
slaves chained to the pier,
missing from the ships manifest:
the names of the dead
In the village square
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at the slave auction, missing reading from the ship's manifest;
the names of the dead

at the slave auction

the Klondike gold rush

confidence men filing claims;
the names of the dead

the Year of the Ox

in the Chicago stockyards
in a cardboard box

New Year's morning must

mix and blend, smoke and beer;

lay her at my feet

folded on her breast

holy at old Moscow;

padded hand coat, suit

Summer Lucian;

a small child, tall woman

with penciled basket

Winter southern

and the carnivalesque

the tinkle of church bells
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MICHAEL P. MCGUIRE
spring morning breeze
rattles the loudspeaker
spring morning breeze
rattles the loudspeaker spouting nuclear freeze
left without a son--
all the things I should have done
all rolled into one
the spring breeze rattles
the loud-speaker spouting
the nuclear freeze
a starling whistles:
cut of clouds of thistledown
comes the misty...moon
flag-covered coffin
shadowing snow and young grass;
couples come and go
spring morning breeze
the stadium loudspeaker
announces nuclear freeze
on the telegram
soaking in the autumn rain;
the names of the dead
spring morning breeze
stadium loudspeaker rallies
the nuclear freeze
on the bathroom floor,
an ant whiles away the day
solving the tile maze
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
from down wind
closing in on the grizzly:
focusssing the lens

under saffron cloth,
under the deer skin cushion:
cricket

controlling pigeons,
patrolling the old city:
peregrine falcons

approaching the graves
a tiny butterfly finds
little brother's flag

approaching the graves
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little brother's flag

during the short night,
Druids cutting mistletoe
with a golden knife

roadside mailbox
with its mouth wide open:
toad in the dust

flag-covered coffin
shadowing snow and young grass:
couples pause and pass
passing couples pause

Long Island graveyard:
British soldiers are building
a hearth of tombstones
drifting on the creek
leading to the Concord River:
reading from the Week...

stops to mop his brow,
with his heart in the hammock,
starts the horse and plough

turning from the Tomb
facing the birthday gathering
reading from Leaves of Grass

where trolley tracks bend
at the end of the trestle:
the blackbird's whistle

the darkened theatre:
poetry reading candle
burns into itself

against the church wall,
small children huddled asleep:
chill winds of fall

spring morning breeze
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eating their fill
after grandfather's funeral;

feuding over the will

swarming honeybees
incurring the robin's wrath:
capture the birch bath

Viet Nam nightmares
plague the legless veterans
begging in the square

dawn casting shadows
on the stone face of St. Joan
alone on the lawn

New Years morning mist
mixed with smoke, beer and whiskey:
* crushed toy horn

turning from the Tomb

family album:
smiling at my photograph
of despairing youth

family album:
laughing at my photograph
of despairing youth

on the darkened wall

my the m u
by the mountain lake
warming in the morning sun:
mallard and drake

now the days are slow

leaving the old pond
entering the monastery:
centering the moon

New Year's morning
on the wallpaper
in my dead brother's bedroom:
the dates and how tall

pencilled on the wall

penciled on the wall of my dead brother's bedroom:
the dates and how tall

alone at the grave

Library Park:

* drunks and junkies looking
  for a tourist mark

In the crowded church,
preaching the sermon on Hell
increases the heat
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c cold morning rain
in the mouths of empty ovens:
the names of the dead

a distant iceberg
disappearing in the mist

a distant iceberg
disappearing in night mist:
the lights of the ship

a distant iceberg
slowly emerging in mist

a distant iceberg
slowly emerging from mist:
the lights of the ship

just before he died,
only sixty miles away:
first sight of the sea

on the frozen marsh
reflecting the partial moon:
muskrat lodge ruins

within the new bell
dropping copper plates
into the flaming bell mold:
the names of the dead

a drifting iceberg
slowly emerging from mist
the lights of the ship

a drifting iceberg
emerging from the night

a drifting iceberg
emerging from midnight mist:
the lights of the ship

the tip of the iceberg
emerging from midnight mist:
the lights of the ship

In the flaming mold
of the temple bell

etched on copper plates
melting in the bronze bell mold:
the names of the dead

casting the new bell
casting the bronze bell,
melting in the flaming mold:
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
golden dragonfly
patrolling the open grave
zigzags the folded flag

mother and daughter
cought in the cold wind and rain
exchange aches and pains

the old school master
holding the boy by the ear:
the rule on his rear

the old schoolmaster
holding the boy by the ear:
ruler on his rear

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the ruler on his rear

circling the old pond,
centering the autumn moon:
the midnight jogger

through the rectory door,
gusts of wind-snowflurries-
and food for the poor

the first snowfall:
filling up the cellar hole
with a ton of coal

hugged by Santa Claus,
leaving the supermarket:

mugged on the parking lot
an autumn morning...

my palsied mother alone
feeds the mourning doves

Christmas Eve...

leaving the supper market:
mugged on the parking lot

old mother and son
hold on to one another:
turn from father's tomb
the frozen tundra:
locked caribou antlers
rock in the cold wind

with velvet antlers
still locked on the tundra:
caribou skeletons

robin on the fence:
swarming honeybees below
cover the birdbath

over spatterdocks,
pursuing one another:
blue dragonflies