TO FAIRVIEW RESIDENTS FOR OUR YOUTH

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YOUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
In the back seat, 
fogging up the car windows: the heat
the raw weather warms: 
early earthworms exchange sperm 
on the withered lawn

bitter cold twilight: 
a flight of twittering sparrows 
right to the marrow
the syllable fight: 
slipping out of the meeting 
into the starry night

now the days are slow 
dew on the coffin 
blending with holy water: the end of the war
leaving the chapel 
with ashes on their foreheads: county prisoners

linden cicada 
under the sick room window: the morning moon

with his smoky breath and scarf trailing in the wind: death of the mailman

the darkened sick room: 
a buzzing fly in the heat 
beats on the window
what the bulldozer does to cattail and wild rice: where the old pond was

New Year's morning: 
dropping another toy horn in the top drawer

at Walt Whitman's tomb

thrills on snowy hills, zooming by crumbled tombstones: kids on Christmas sleds
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
alone by the barn:
hailstones pounding the harness
scound the dark lantern

on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
pencil marks recall how tall
growing among rows
of crosses shadowing snow

on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
the dates and how tall
flag-covered coffin
shadowing the dewy grass:
his posthumous son

on the darkened wall
of my dead brother's bedroom:
birthdays and how tall
the desert New Year:
a fading century plant
sheds another bloom

where cavalry rallied
the battle for the valley:
the wind through the weeds

marching majorettes
mirrored in bells of tubas
autumn sunset

sick room silence:
family circle centers
flickering candle

little brother ashore
shouting: Take me with you!
the frozen marsh

signing the cast
on grandma's broken leg:
lines from Leaves of Grass

spitting images
hitting rippling reflections:
the moon in the well

country heat wave:
the tarred road to the graveyard
sticks to my feet

sitting on the bridge
my shadow on the water
sitting on the bridge
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
empty farmhouse
beside the rain barrel
cicada shell

empty farmhouse
beside the dry rain barrel:
cicada shell

leaving the old pond,
entering the empty temple:
evening sun

beyond the boredom
of identical houses:
duplicate tombstones

beyond tenements,
beyond the Hudson River

beyond the boredom

beyond the boredom
of rows of brownstone houses:
duplicate tombstones

dry
In the dry rain barrel
beside the empty farmhouse:
cicada shell

beyond rows and rows
and rows of pre-fab houses:
duplicate tombstones
duplicate tombstones
beyond rows and rows and rows
of pre-fab houses

beyond tenements
and rows of pre-fab houses:
duplicate tombstones

beyond tenements,
beyond the Hudson River

beyond condos
and rows of pre-fab houses:
duplicate tombstones
cicadas are cranking up
another heat wave
cemetery silence

beyond condos
and rows of pre-fab houses:
plastic tombstones

all summer long
unseen hidden by green...
cardinal song
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
Da Nang, Viet Nam
a package of homemade cookies

little brother dies
in Viet Nam

his body on ice
and a package of cookies
returns to mother

his body on ice,
and a package of cookies
shipped from Viet Nam

from Viet

from Viet Nam, a package

from Viet Nam, her package of homemade cookies

sent back to mom

still standing
in the ruins of my childhood home:
kitchen arch

shipped from Viet Nam

after his death,
a package of homemade cookies
shipped from Viet Nam
evening cicada
fading in the leafy linden:
deepening shade
evening cicada
beneath the leafy linden:
deepening shade

the farmhouse ruins
beside the tumble-down barn:
swallows in and cut
the city river:
a shivering kitten drifts
on a sheet of ice

the farmhouse ruins
and the empty barn beyond:
swallows in and cut

yesterday's headlines
blown against the barbed wire fence:
names of the dead
empty farmhouse
rocking in the rain barrel
cicada shell
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
the cat in the tree
ends the robin's melody
in a minor key

stretched across the stream
a cobweb bellying in the breeze
catches a sunbeam

August heat wave
arriving from Viet Nam:
his body on ice

cemetery silence
a family of deaf mutes

another firefly
fades on a blade of grass:
on my brother's grave

empty farmhouse
in the dry rain barrel:
cicada shell

cicada shell
in the dry rain barrel:
empty farmhouse

from the farmhouse
it fell into the cellar
cicada shell
the first cicada

misty stillness
filling the forested mountain:
the chill of autumn

another firefly
fades on a blade of grass:
little brother's grave

arriving from Viet Nam:
his body on ice

rising and falling
a solitary dory:
the beat of the drumfish

another firefly
fades on a blade of grass
on
my brother grave

between boat whistles
mingling with the morning mist:
the screaming of gulls

at the street market
mingling with fishmonger cries:
flies

farmhouse ruins:
in the empty rain barrel
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
the first cicada dies and another rises

after the blizzard, breaking through the frozen lake

the yellow moon sets at the bedroom window sill

on the misty beach searching the sand for sea shells:

distant church bell FP

empty farmhouse fallen in the dry rain barrel

another autumn slowly sinking in the pond:

leaves fallen on leaves

leaves fallen on leaves slowly sinking in the pond

hiding beer bottles

another autumn slowly sinking in the pond

covers beer bottles

my parents are gone and I have not married

cemetery hill, and the yellow moon beyond

empty classroom:
horsefly on the blackboard walks the chalk line

another autumn sinking into the old pond:

all leaves, all bottom

another autumn sinking into the old pond: leaves fallen on leaves

leaves fallen on leaves hiding beer cans and bottles:

Basho's old pond

another autumn slowly sinking in the pond

hiding beer bottles

another autumn slowly sinking in the pond

covers up beer cans
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MICHAEL P. MCGUIRE
at the street market
mingling with fishmonger cries:
flies
through bare cherry limbs
reaching out to the Monument:
Washington's Birthday
under the grape arbor
over grandfather's chair:
smoke from his corn cob pipe
cut of thick clouds
hiding the new moon, an old hag
riding a broomstick
gaslight at the gate
midnight snowflakes flying past:
Santa Claus is late

August heat wave
arriving from Viet Nam:
his body on ice
August heat wave
all the way from Viet Nam:
his body on ice
arriving from Viet Nam—
and cookies from mom

his body
arriving from Viet Nam
homemade cookies from mom

In Memory of Originality, Creativity and Individuality
a package of homemade cookies
To Fairview Residents

For Our Youth

6. Jerrothia Riggs
9. Jee Torres
11. Mike McGuire
For School Board

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.

I am asking you to support myself, Jee Torres and Jerrothia Riggs. Let's come out in big numbers to elect these three candidates.

Your friend and neighbor

Michael P. McGuire
In the church foyer
in the holy water fount;
a floundering fly

In the church foyer,
in the holy water fount;
the child's reflection

a flight of wild geese
reflected in the bird bath

after the funeral,
returning to their old ways:
flies on a dunghill

miscarrying
in the strawberry patch:
the heat

In the crowded square,
blaring from the loudspeaker:
the names of the dead

at the monument,
taking turns reading aloud
the names of the dead

don the Delaware
drifting on rice paper
the names of the dead

written on rice paper
drifting down the Delaware:
the names of the dead

the autumn wind
rattling the loudspeaker

the autumn windstorm
distorting the loudspeaker;
the names of the dead

at the mine entrance,
the cards by the time clock:
the names of the dead

candlelight service
torn
drawn out of the helmet:
the names of the dead

on the copper plates
in melting the bronze bell mold:
the names of the dead
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
grandma miscarries, 
and grandpop ploughs under 

grandma miscarries, 
and grandfather ploughs under the strawberry patch

grandma miscarries, 
angry grandpop ploughs under 

grandma miscarries: 
angry grandpop ploughs under the strawberry patch

picking strawberries 
miscarrying in the hot sun 

the strawberry patch 
where grandmother miscarried: 

grandpop ploughs under 

the fetus buried 
in the manure pile: 

the heat

burying the fetus 
in the manure pile: 

the heat

the heat on the bay 
beneath an empty rowboat: 

the beat of the drumfish 

the farm funeral: 
crows and flies 

afterwards, bird 
flock to the manure pile 

after the funeral, 
a flock of crows and flies 
return to the manure pile 

the farm funeral: 

afterwards, crows and flies flock 
to the manure pile 

while crows and flies flock 
through the bare branches of the linden tree, the stars 
and the autumn moon 

breaks the brooding silence 

In the church foyer 
in the holy water fount: 

my own reflection 

cousins at the wake 
talk about the good old days 
on grandfather's farm
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
with my uncle fat he x,
I listen to the concert,
night was of max ch
entering into
the bowl of ice cubes

In the hot sun
picking strawberries;
grandmother's miscarriage
crawling on the face of the Ethiopian pianist:
flies

In the August heat,
arriving from Viet Nam:
his body on ice
empty farmhouse
in the dry rain barrel:
cicada shell

ris the pregnant peasant
losing her child in the sun:
ripe strawberries

where grandmother
ploughed under ripe strawberries
ripe strawberries

where great grandmother
miscarried in the hot sun:
ripe strawberries

where grandmother
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ripe strawberries

the pregnant peasant
picking strawberries
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
another spring
pierces the leaf mold

waiting at midnight:
a few snowflakes flying past
gaslight at the gate

on the misty bay,
rising and falling all day
beat of the drumfish

alone in a sunbeam
streaming through the cathedral

spoiling the lake shore
shape of an oil spill

the autumn wind
overturning the bronze urn
scatters the ashes

the spring tornado
tearing up the young corn field
spares the old scarecrow

on the misty bay
an empty rowboat adrift:
drumfish beat below
rising and falling
all on the misty bay

the eagle's shadow
slipping over the foothills:
scampering rabbit

in the holy water fount

In the church foyer,
in the holy water fount:
a frozen fly

In the church foyer,
in the holy water fount:

now the days are slow
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
another autumn
slowly sinking in the pond
buries beer bottles

another summer
breaking through the cement walk
claims my brother's name

another winter
silencing the inner city
covers up litter

expectant mothers
holding up candles in church
lighting up their faces

another spring
failing to scale the wall of wind
sparrows with string

empty stadium:
the scarecrow pinned to the goal post
cold
swings in the autumn wind

the mock funeral
forming this autumn morning
mourns the "normal man"

at the Wailing Wall
veiling small coffins with

at the Wailing Wall
veiling small coffins with white palls:
autumn nightfall

an uprooted hickory
bridges the polluted brook

an uprooted oak bridges
the polluted brook

empty stadium:
scarecrow hanging from cross bar
swings in the autumn wind

the storybook woods:
an uprooted oak bridges
the polluted brook
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
on the icy wire
dripping silence in the sun:
a row of mourning doves

Independence Day
taking up new residence
at Walden Pond

Independence Day
taking up new residence
beyond Walden Pond

Independence Day
taking up new residence:
the wind from Walden

by the empty barn
leaning on the n

by the empty barn,
leaning on the rusty pump:
abandoned scarecrow

picking out the bones
with chopsticks—
the heat

where red-winged blackbirds
perched in cattail and wild rice:
St. Francis's Church

a wheeling sea gull
is steering its handlebars
by the evening stars

beneath green waves
resting on a coral reef:
the submarine's grave

dead pregnant slave
concealed in the cotton field:
the heat

plantation heat wave
a dead pregnant slave buried
in the cotton field

plantation heat wave
carried from the cotton field:
dead pregnant slave
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arenchmg ttie ovens
of the concentration camp;
cold morning rain

stiff summer breeze
lifting the lakeside willow
above the rising tide

a cicada chirras,
and the early evening breeze
stirs the turning leaves

abandoned scarecrow
standing on the fallow farm:
working out karma

between chain saws
mingling with scent of sassafras:
cicada

down from the stone bridge,
alone in the dark shadows:
derelict rowboat

autumn nightfall:
a priest behind the curtain
hearing confessions

the first snow flurries:
an old doctor hurries off
in a black surrey

when daffodile bloom
and dandelion's tender:
the yellow moon

the autumn wind
exposes the pheasant egg
to the morning sun

a pheasant feather
blown across the snowy field:
bloody tracks of fox

faraway barking
fading in the rain and fog

the old win:
is holding the wine be
the old win:
is holding the empty bottle
in frozen silence

the cardboard box
is holding the old wine
in frozen silence

snowflakes flying past
waiting for Santa Claus

waiting for Santa:
midnight snowflakes flying past
gaslight at the gate
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up up on a swing,
smiling in the summer wind;
scent of Queen Anne's lace
from the small coffin
dripping all summer night long;
the song of the ice
leaving Vietnam
my brother's body on ice:
the heat
my brother's body
arriving from Vietnam:
the heat

Into the ovens
of the concentration camp:
cold morning rain
monotonous rain
striking duplicate houses:
tombstones all alike
monotonous rain
beyond duplicate houses:
tombstones all alike
cloud

a crowd of blackbirds
drifting over the crowded beach
eclipses the sun

the old rag-picker
shouldering a bag of bones:
bitter cold

a crying plover
flying over the wild rye:
the sound of the scythe

incoming fog
slipping over the foothills:
the eagle's shadow

the town bakery
the town barber shop,
and the bakery next door:
special on meat pies

bachelor brothers
installing the wall mirror
reflect each other

on the bottom step
of the anniversary cake
taking down the signs of autumn

the autumn breeze
correcting the crooked scarecrow
directs the snow geese
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YOUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
on the coffing lid
sprinkled with holy water:
crawling katydid

In the peach orchard
reaching down into rank grass

wind-blown thistleseed
has deceived the lone nestling
expecting to feed

lone nestling
with its mouth wide open;
wind-blown thistleseed

deserted beach
covered with moonlight, creeping surf
reaches sleeping lovers

monotonous rain
beyond rows and rows of homes:
tombstones all the same

monotonous rain
beyond duplicate houses:
tombstones all the same

a grey squirrel chirrs,
and the early evening breeze
stirs the turning leaves

the body arrives,
after the long week of waiting;
the heat

the clouded sun shows
in the shade of the centant
cowled nun made of snow

blooming mimosa
and the sunrise beyond;
distant cock crows
the desert New Year;
adding another rattle
to the sidewinder!

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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
an autumn evening...
leaving the empty ballroom:
facing the full moon

on a rose petal
fallen on the small coffin:
a firefly settles

closing the Bible,
opening the old hymnal:
the autumn wind
down the trail from town,
boys shouldering bamboo poles:
distant church bell
the convent garden
dripping with rosary beads:
the dew on the grass

opening the fire hydrant:
the heat
timber rattler
coiling on pine needles:
cicada

timber rattler
slithering through pine needles:
cicada

a cloud of blackbirds
drifting
slipping over the crowded beach
eclipses the sun

attacking sea gulls
have backed the hermit crab
into a conch shell
leaning on the pump
with its rusty arm flung up
up the snowy trunk
on the rungs of fungus rings:
footsteps of the sun
back to books and rules
cicadas are warming up
the first day of school

the grove by the creek:
cicadas are warming up
the wake of the storm
willows by the lake:
cicadas are warming up
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MICHAEL P. MCGUIRE
Thanksgiving Day:
a family of cawing crows
over McDonald's

autumn nightfall
recalls the Wailing Wall
down the trail from town
shouldering bamboo poles:
a distant bell tolls

November morning:
dropping the names of the dead
in the ballot box
cooling the ovens
of the concentration camp:
cold morning rain

bawling in the field,
abandoned by its mother:
the wolverine's meal
up from the tall grass,
flushing a ringed-neck pheasant:
crescent moon
on a rose petal,
on the flag-covered coffin:
a dewdrop settles

autumn moonlight:
an apprentice priest pruning
white chrysanthemums
down the trail from town,
boys shouldering bamboo poles:
a distant bell tolls

November morning:
dropping another dead name
in the ballot box
drenching the ovens
of the concentration camp:
cold morning rain

beyond barbed wire
rusting in the winter rain:
the ovens of Auschwitz

autumn moonlight:
a Carmelite nun pruning
white chrysanthemums

intersecting paths
quarter the rice paddy:
cornered kasa

winter lightning
lighting up the cemetery
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
dawn casting shadows
on the stone face of St. Jean;
a dove stains her sword

In the corn field,
drawing straws from the scarecrow;
settling the feud

brother's tiny fist
holding gift for mother

unfolds spider

in the shade of the sycamore:
cicada

the balding young bard
is using the autumn moon
for a sounding board

from the evening sun
swinging to the rising moon:

scarecrow in syllabled rags
hung on the wooden law
stuffed with words of straw
and "made in Japan" tags

grandfather's footprints
fading at the fork in the road:
deepening snow

In the empty shrine
under the Liberty Bell
buzzing horsefly

my father and I
under the Liberty Bell:
buzzing horsefly
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
beyond rows of homes
darkened by the cold rain:
tombstones all the same

beyond rows of homes
darkened by autumn rain:
tombstones all the same

beyond rows and rows
of homes darkened by the rain

startled starling
releases mulberry branch:
feeding carp below

starting the New Year
parting with an old lover;
searching for another
town undertaker
stands with hands clasped behind:
the heat

at Walt Whitman's Tomb
celebrating his birthday:
lilacs past their bloom

small hands and faces
smearing the showcase window:
smell of fresh pastry

along the lake shore,
only mosquitoes biting:
short night

the old covered bridge
pigeons nesting in rafters

old snow and young grass
gracing unknown graves gracing
old snow and young grass
dawn casting shadows
on the stone face of St. Joan:
dove perched on her sword

starting the New Year
recovering from heart attack:
ransacked apartment

figures in the fog
rolling in from old Cape Cod
stroll the widow walk

stiff summer breeze
lifting the lakeside willow
rides the incoming tide

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lifting the lakeside willow
rides the rising tide
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MICHAEL P. MCGUIRE
In the steam iron,
the last of the rain water
touring the stable,
a buzzing horsefly settles on
a buzzing horsefly
touring the empty stable
settles on manure
sleepless watching sleet
strike the gaslight at the gate:
passing the long night

spoiling the lake shore
spoiling the lake shore
stopping short of my shadow:
shape of an oil spill

the cross in the park
created from railroad tracks

spoiling the lake shore,
shoal
killing a cloud of catfish fry:
shape of an oil spill
like their
rows and rows of homes
neatly arranged in the rain

buried yesterday,
forgotten today
buried yesterday
old cronies on the corner
in the winter sun
burr
buried yesterday:
old cronies on the corner
silent in the sun
creeping sunlight:
rows and rows of white crosses
shadow the sea below

spoiling the lake shore,
filling my fading shadow:
shape of an oil spill

spoiling the lake shore,
killing a cloud of catfish fry:
shape of an oil spill

beyond rows of homes
neatly arranged in the rain:
tombstones all the same

beaten by the cold rain
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
rising and falling
beneath an empty rowboat
beat of the drumfish

the full moon afloat,
beneath an empty rowboat
beat of the drumfish

drifting on the bay,
beneath an empty rowboat:
beat the drumfish

the full moon adrift,
beneath an empty rowboat:
beat of the drumfish

plugging the hole
in the screen door:
rejection slip

the moon on the bay
beneath an empty rowboat:
beat the of the drumfish

atop the gold coffin,
one drop of holy water
holds the hot sun

the funeral train
lighting up the midnight rain:
fields of ripened grain

alone in the mission,
up the stairwell to the bell:
the cold wind

on the misty bay,
an empty rowboat adrift:
drumfish beat beneath

after the rainstorm,
swarming in the swollen creek:
spawning river carp

through city hall arch,
a runaway umbrella:
the winds of March

cathedral steps:

forgetting differences

approaching the grove...
a choir of crickets becomes

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a choir of crickets becomes

crescendo of crows

down Mulberry Street,
Italian organ grinder

forgetting the heat

cold battlefield--
out of the mouth of cannon
comes a butterfly
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wild geese reflected
in the holy water fount:
the Baptism of Christ

beneath the ice crust
creaking with each gust of wind:
nest of sleeping mice

cut of the cattail
come kids with a blackbird nest:
distant school bell

In the church foyer,
in the holy water fount:
the breaking of ice

In the old mission,
up the stairwell to the bell:
the cold wind

In the church foyer,
in the holy water fount:
the melting of ice

In the church foyer,
in the holy water fount:
the freaking of ice

cut of the cattail
outside the cattail
come kids with a blackbird nest:
distant school bell

In the old mission,
up the stairwell to the bell:
the cold wind

stone Pan in the park
standing mute in the moonlight:
his stolen flute

his stolen flute

on the temple steps
swept by the autumn wind:
crushed chrysanthemum

his knee rubbed shiny
by decades

gracing bare branches,
replacing cherry blossoms:
the face of the moon

plugging the hole
in the screen door:
rejection slip

his knee rubbed shiny
by decades

from under the mask
floating on the rain puddle:
the face of the moon

his stolen flute

his knee rubbed shiny
by decades

bronze goat in the park

his stolen flute

bronze storyteller

with his flute stolen,

standing mute in the moonlight
stone Pan in the park
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MICHAEL P. McGUIRE
up cathedral steps
covered with rice and confetti;
the double coffin

failing to scale
the wall of spring wind:
sparrow with string

between the fire bells
mingling with the barking dog:
the smell of gasoline

after wild geese
in the holy water fount
my

overhead snowbirds—
carving trails in the tundra:
caribou herds
caribou herds
carving trails in the tundra:
carving trails in the tundra:
carving trails in the tundra:
carving trails in the tundra:
migrating snowbirds

my mother sound asleep with her mouth open:
television preacher

neighbor's house burned down,
nail in my sole:
bitter cold
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twilight quiet
punctuated by fireflies;
my dead brother...

mother baboon
mother baboon
mournning the loss of her baby

turning from the grave
with my arm around mother

my palsied mother
recalling another spring:
baby brother crawling

replacing cherry blossoms:
the face of the moon

where caribou buck
matched horns on the tundra

after a false start,
not all of its heart in it
after a false start,
not all of its heart in it:
cicada

writing by the creek,
opening Modern Haiku:
crushed mosquito

on the altar cloth,
the shadow of the priest
in the witches' broth

autumn morning:
the funeral procession turns another corner

by the cranberry bog
hidden in the midnight fog:
a croaking bullfrog

centuries of herds
carving trails in the tundra

my dead father...

tal 1 of its heart in t

at the calving grounds
eaten alive by mosquitoes:
at the mercy of mosquitoes:
caribou stampeded

dock marks in the dust

punctuated by his cane:
the blindman's story