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It was odd drinking wine from the little globed glass you once kept your goldfish in.

a year ago she swam round and round this miniature bowl never touching the sides and never getting anywhere just a pretty piece of live gold barely existing on your dresser by the mirror

Beth Pollock

# Drought

Carol Saunders

The flowers shed Their petals on the cracked Earth. laying in sunlight where Rivers run low the Animal's thirst .goes unquenched. Everything depends on the Rain.

# Last Chapter

Karen Hitchcock

And Dorothy grew old, older than rags Heaped and drooping and covered in sags. The country grew dimmer and dust filled the air, And Dorothy pulled at her old matted hair.

Wind hugged around corners, moaning a song Of frightening fingers feeling along Cracks between boards that were bending with pain, Creaking and drying and waiting for rain.

And Dorothy lay in her usual place, Her eyes of old marble bumishing space, With their gleam of a candle, remembering years And the wax of her memory running like tears.

So Dorothy remembered and twisting her smiles, She crept through her stories and placed them in piles With the yellowing quilts, useless and thin, That she drew to herself in a crumbling skin.

But she turned from her time, hushing its speech, Letting go of her covers and opening her reach, She sank back in pillows, feathers ancient and broken, And listened and waited for something unspoken.

The rain fled its maker, hurriedly seeking The earth's creviced warmth, amber and reeking. And Dorothy flew from the tangles and pain, Leaving behind Kansas' dust once again.

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# Tenaya Canyon

I wrote you a strange letter.

I hope you have sweet dreams.

I decided not to send it.

# Clude F. Smith

I hear a constricted release of breath from the kitchen. I look at my journal, close it, put it away. My pen had made only vague scratches. I open my mail. A cat enters the room and jumps into the shadow of my lap. I toss it to the shadows beneath the desk. It is not my cat. It is not my house. I understand the refugee. I understand the hostage. I hear the dishes clanking together, the whine of hot water. the scratching of a brillo pad on my favorite chipped cup. I turn the radio on and gulp warm water from the dull glass, ice cubes long gone. I read the mail and listen to the cat playing with the electric cords. He has a skin disease and is restless. My wisdom teeth are coming in and I have thick calluses on my hands and feet. I write a letter to Heidi. I call her a bitch, a slut, a whore. I cry and mark up the letter, then remember a postcard, the postcard of Tenaya Canyon. I find it and write: Dear Heidi,

# Channel 7

# Molly Winner

don/t get me hysterical
i ain/t no baby doll to squeeze
to cry out
little squeals of pleasure.
tie a scarf around my neck/tight
it was so cold but you kept me warm
you kept me silent
but i wanted to cry out.
i didn/t coz you had that look on your face.
you paid me well for free but i gave it to you
don/t you ever stop dreaming.

i w/ my petticoal peeping over my thighs & you laughing.

you wanted to dance make me free i wanted to twist but you made me cry you saw my white legs then you burst them open open wider it won/t hurt you said i believed you.

i saw right then you had a way w/ words.

the time we were on that wet grass

words you made them jump fire at me sting me burn bad drop them off your tongue bitter hot sin tongue of love take it out on me. you knew i was your jewel eyed green eyed princess

blonde hair

it was blonde on blonde just like the pictures those pictures you saw.
didn/t know they were me til now well now you know now you don/t need pictures anymore, you took my blonde hair right up your lane right up my alley cat almost but I/m kitten kitten playful wanna make me purr. rumble throat i try to catch it back-

til you saw i was not untouched but you only made me purr w/ your fire words & my blonde hatr so silky you put it in your mouth to see if it would melt. umm--does it taste good?

I knew you'd like it that/s why i keep it line for you can you plop my little ju ju bead

can/t appear too eager.

The dead
are led
by their
beds
Resitess,
to sleep.
An insomnlac
lies................(down).

Kathy Scherff



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# The Death of a Poet

Honor's hostage, the poet, is dead, the victim of careless and deceitful talk. D'Anthes drilled out his heart with lead and felled him like a clover stalk. His soul had never any room to spare for dishonor, shame, embarrassment, or spleen. But when the world had an opinion to air he revolted (as usual!). Now death intervenes, for he was murdered. So what use are these crocodile tears? These fatuous eulogies? This gross retching up of lame excuses? Death was Fate's unalterable decree. When you first knew him didn't you run after, a pack of syncophantic liars, and just for fun pucker up and blow the kindling of his barely lighted fires? So what now? You should rejoice the last tortures were ghastly! Death consumed him as fire to a stick: his voice (his garland!) died out with his breath.

As his blase murderer took aim, mercy figured as the least of his vices. Though empty, his heart beat the same as always, and his trigger-hand was ice. Why should it tremble? Like them, like all the kiss-ass llunkies who bank on perquisites, money, favor, and rank, he was tossed our way by late's whim. A foreigner, he loathed our country too (our barbarous country!), its language and tralls; he was bored siff by our national debates and of the poet he raised his hand to.

# A Respectable Man (Tolstoy's notebook)

I didn't sleep well and got up and wrote about bravery. And so I forgot to sit and reflect on the muzhiks. This morning I looked frequently

In the mirror (only a ludicrous thing can come of this!), but I was happy nonetheless with the deception and so snuggled back into bed with a book.



He's dead now, the grave's done its part.
Just like the unknown singer whose curse
was that cat-like jealousy chose him for its mouse,
his Lensky, sung in immortal verse,
proves how subtly life follows art.

Why did he exchange his true friends' trust for the envy, hypocrisy, anxiety, and lust of the suffocating haute monde? Why did he offer slanderers his hand and make hollow men his confidantes

who could, from youth, show wisdom on demand? Once they snatched the old wreath from his head they put on thorns disguised with laurel leaf.

The hidden needles made their poison spread as they cut his forehead underneath. So the dissembling and shabbiness persisted until the final days were frantic with alarms of his decline. His death consisted

of hope and revenge dying in each other's arms.
The music that moved us - it gave
us such delight - is gone, the air is still.
The singer's only refuge is his grave,
his lips clamped fight with the Reaper's seal.

And you, so hypersensitive to your worth (your only pedigree's the blood of brutes) would wreck the few whose misfortune (besides birth) was to cross the wide path of your dirty boots. You who crawl and fester around the throne are the antithesis of Freedom, Fame and Genius. You hide behind the law's skirts and groan

in ecstasy when Justice shrivels from disuse.

# David Rigsbee

From now on, in order to amend my affairs I must daily inspect my stupidity In person, so to speak; stop building castles in the air and disdaining the forms

adopted by all other people but me. Accordingly I made rules: Constantly force your mind to act with all its possible strength. That is Rule 1. The second follows:

What you've decided to do, do well, and do not matter what. And the corollaries: Think over every order from the management of the estate. No retreat from reality



# **Faculty**

But God judges, you masters of irrelevance!
His justice is sure, though He bides His time.
He reads your reptilian thoughts in advance
and counts your baksheesh a spiritual crime.
Your denunciations will be totally passe
at the Judgment; your wits will desert you
and even your black blood will not wash away
the good poet's blood, which comes from virtuel

(1837) Mikhail Lermontov (1817-1841) adapted from the Russian

Note: Alexander Pushkin, Russia's foremost poet, died in January of 1837, following a duel with a French attache,

one Baron d'Anthes, concerning the whereabouts of Madame Pushkin's affections. Lermontov's partisan outburst earned him arrest and extle from the Tsar, but also conferred on him his first fame. He was 22.

The Lensky mentioned in the poem's third part is the melancholy poet in Pushkin's novel-in-verse Eugene Onegin. Ironically, he too dies in a duel.

> permitted! If need be, be cold and flat, but only after close scrutiny and dire necessity: At parties dance with the most important ladies.

Speak distinctly, but offer no Impressions you will have to live up to next time in society. Choose difficult positions and be foresquare in front of onlookers.

Try both to begin and end the conversation always, but without habitual arguing and constant changing from Russian to French. Act! And carry on despite confusion.

Seek out the company of people higher than yourself, for they harmonize with the sphere of the possible, and theirs is an ease that time strangely sweetens.

Thus the key will be to draw a map in advance for a day, a month, a whole life, and as many days as I can be true to my resolve I will continue to set myself

in advance. I must always know at rigid intersections of time and place how long I will stay and with what to concern myself. Doubtless most

of these resolutions will be aftered, but all alterations must be explained in the notebook, whose useful goal is that I must rise after, and be something.

As for you, I know you'll never believe that I can change. You'll say, "So, still at zero!" No, this time I'll change in an entirely different way.

Before, I would mumble to myself, "Now, let's do something," and sink.
But this time, God willing, I will change, and someday be a respectable man.

# Fred Chappell

# The Oueen

"Sing to the blue mountain, my dear one, Where do you wander? The skies muffle over with cloud And the seas founder."

No letter, Marco, has come as you promised. The linnet has retreated as the zone of sun Fell south, the corn is gathered all in, And early snow embitters the mountainside. Yet I receive no sign.

My fancy portrays you lying broken By robbers or horrid beast, and all bloodstained Your mangled harp. Still worse, New love may possess your mind And you forget me, plying verse To music, tuning compliments To bluer eyes and brighter hair. How anxiously I pace the battlements And pretend to keep my eyes on The shriveled gardens below While watching the horizon. Perhaps tomorrow shall bring news of you, I think, and lay me down to sleep. But this tomorrow comes on as empty As the sky is deep.

"How carefree the song you sang me When the meadow overflowed with white clover, How winsome the vow you made me To be my true and pliant-hearted lover."

In Castle Tzingal I sigh long sighs And wish I were a silly child again, Nestled beneath my father's stout roof And never stolen away to be the wife Of an iron and fruitless man. All I'd unremembered I remembered when You struck the harp and sang the old old ballad. Unbearable sweetness overcame my head And heart. I gnawed my inner lip, Recalling the voice of my gentle mother When your voice lifted up. I am not suited for the intricate gloom And thorny intrigue of a blackguard time. There is a child, a sunny child, Who dances within my breast and combs Her sunny hair and coddles a painted mammet. In these bleak years I am defiled By the drunken ambitions, the nightmare designs Of a petty Mahomet.

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I shall not bide here ever. The poppy chalice shall cease my sorrow, Or the river.

"As the lone long wind unwinds Her hobbin of white thread She sings a song of rejoicing That she never wed."

I am a captive lullabye in a land Of battlesong: no one here Loves fair word or silken hand. My mother had not fitted me to brave The lurid terror of my dreams of knives Or the labyrinthine whispers that assail, Asterve my wits. Here no man walks; But sneaks or stamps or stalks. And no one tells a tale but the telltale. And no one thrives here but the mad

# **Faculty**

Or guilty. I dare not confess In chapel to receive assoilment: The priest is but a spy. All this world hates the good, And I'm afraid that I Will come to be of these and lose My soul, dishonor my noble blood.

> "Sing sing the silver willow That flourishes by the stream Sing sing the pink mallow Like a faint flame."

Your eyes play hide and seek with a daddy Gone spooky over lunch. Peanut butter Cheeks giggle at the teasing of a ghost Hell-bent on lasting one more Halloween. The centerpiece is a camouflage of green. Unseasonal mask, no false face, A dozen honest alimpses through the blades.

Outside the leaves are falling off the trees. This morning you hid yourself in the pile I gathered to a mountain with my rake. Running the teeth gingerly through the grass, Careful not to jerk the newest roots. The tangles unkinked like your hair at daylight Filtered through my comb the drops of flour paste Which yesterday missed your paper dolls And in the nightfall of your pumpkin moon

# Spaces

Through the peepholes in the spiderplant

Paved the broompath that a witch might ride. Tomorrow I will wake to the spaces

Reaching out beyond the autumn's end. You can see so much when the limbs are bare-The neighbor's laundry flapping on the line, Smoke curling from the chimneys on the hill, The unobtruded sun flooding the window With the chilly thought of another winter Looking down and through the space Between the branches of the trees. I will hunt For your face buried in the sky and miss The day we knew things too close to see through.

Charles P.R. Tisdale

Vapor Trail

Because it cannot be spoken of That is why the sky is blue.

Blue, now, beyond bedroom window, The silver speck breathes its white cloud Across this square of morning.

There in the cockpit of his dream Sun glitters the goggled birdman Climbing through his silent hour Where heart feels its beat Exceed the tongue to tell it with.

Dear, at the window My breath is fog on the glass. I am writing four words With my finger. Even before "Loving you" is done, "I am" evaporates.

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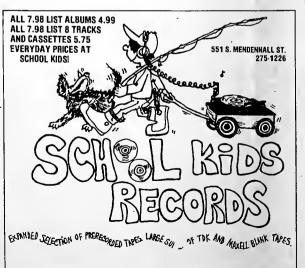
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visine, wood to build a fire in the front yard with

a leak in the roof, snow drifts in the living room, 2 oranges,

a dozen eggs, and 3 frozen dill pickles

no neighbors, no clothes, a hat and a hard on

No family to disappoint, no steel eyes like national fingerpicks to look at A broken window pane and a slight breeze through that pane

No bloated wallet, \$\$\$, platinum blondes or mercury marquis w/divorce No shaky knees, liver, heart ground or sky

fleas.flies and bees and nightmares about you

and other dreams from Debussy, Van Gogh, Rimbaud when I can sleep a flute, a kerosene lamp, no Dylan or Elvis records, Groucho nose and glasses w mustache, Jesus comic book, no barbells to lift or liver and whey... windows to stare out of(or peek out of) and walls covered with watercolor paintings, crayon scratching, postcards, calendars, poems, letters, pictures, construction paper valentines, lipstick and grease; also to stare at

crickets, dogs, a space heater, mice and the frig to listen to... Life's not so horrible, alone at 30

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Victoria Bosch

Crowded. Stuffy.
Whose gnarled, calloused hand
forced breath into this rock?
Stearny sweat on smooth white marble.
Blood flows beneath its icy surface.
Flesh. Chisled out of stone.
Still life passion: tangible sensuality.
Museum walls, curator's stare,
no consolation.
I find myself naked,
my secrets displayed,
set in ariist's stone.

# Contemplating Hamlet

Mark Wallace

Only men of grandeur are giv'n to seeing ghosts. But once, when I was small, I took it in my head to spot one on the steps. Trembling I ran to boast

to Dad, who half-asleep lay dreaming in his bed, that I had seen a great white figger, walking just outside our house, so graceful I knew he was dead.

Dad dismissed me. "All," he said, "who quit this earth must in their graves remain. None are white, and none can walk, and none their shapes retain. The dead are loaves of dust."

Father-the ghosts of leaves, they cover you and, rustling, talk of shifting souls. Child again as I take the Host, your throng I watch for — there! or there!; at the stone I balk.

# surfside

# Chuck Newman

we are riding in my car.
this is the week of rain,
the wet month come a week early.
it has cleared some in the last two days,
the water on the streets is recedingwe get fired of the water on the streets,
my friend beside me is looking at the
bright color paintings in his new magazine,
and when we get home we will try on
our new shirts.

rain at the beach.
we can sleep late,
and the band outside the hotel
won't play in the afternoon.

caught inside by the rain.
melanie tells us to realize our bodies,
to hold all lines straight.
all the girls put on boys' shoes
and dance around the room
in their underwear.

sometimes we have to get out.
we go to the wet strand for walks.
it is a chance to wear our new shirts,
and we can look at people.

my girlfriend wears linen pants on the beach with the hem rolled up. she goes into the ocean up to her knees then runs out.

# **Our Relationship**

# Teresa Taylor

i hear you on the other side of the door as i prick my ears to hear your presence beyond the wooden structure the keys Jiggle in your hands I can imagine you fumbling for the right one as you fumbled for the right word or the right touch to please me

only to fail.

try another key now as treach for the door handle anxious to turn it and open the door as I am always so eager for what i think may be

but never Is.



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