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thumbnail.jpg

crossing the stream
new wooden shoes in hand
first day of summer

Gem Anis

stopped at the border
I watch a crow
fly into America

Judith Avinger

a bright night
father names
the constellations

Colin Bardell

mother's day
she tells me everyone
already called

Roberta Beary

dimanche d'automne
la chute des feuilles jaunes
dans le silence mouillé

Micheline Beaudry

sur un fil flotte
le drapeau national
en lambeaux

Janick Belleau

snow storm
the gradual silencing
of wind chimes

Sheila Bello

beach volleyball
the grey-haired guy
still has some bounce

Sydney Bending

long sermon—
one white lily
dangles precariously

Maxianne Berger

summer solstice
carrying the last box
from my mother's house

Cathy Drinkwater Better



butterfly1.jpg

on each plateau
even among the rocks
stalwart tress

Frances Mary Bishop

a pregnant woman
bites a ripe strawberry—
farmer's market

Rick Black

my 72nd winter
the deepening cold
in every room

Peter Brady

it is too dark to hear
the loon's cry

Allan Brown

last hours--
counting your breath
without a clock

Elena Calvo

first snow
the track of his razor
in foam

Terry Ann Carter

sun on steel
the echo
of a blacksmith's hammer

Susan Constable

full moon
the baby turns
under her hand

Vera Constantineau



butterfly 2.jpg

fresh snow-
brushing off the sun
from my ski

Ellen Cooper

migrating geese-
a snowflake
changes course

Pamela Cooper

the linden
within its stillness
a leaf lets go

Dina E Cox

hospice lounge
the jigsaw puzzle
unfinished

Dan Curtis

a flock
of winter goldfinches
50th reunion

Carolyn Coit Dancy

Indian summer morning
sitting at the window
she lingers half-dressed

Carole Daoust

autumn light
how playful the crow
and its shadow

Tom Dawe

A sugar maple
Tangos in the autumn breeze
its crimson dress falls

Valerie V. Deacon

World Toilet Day
the wind blows south
over the Ganges River

Raffael de Gruttola

predawn dark
the muezzin's winter voice
quivers

Angelee Deodhar

morning commute
my wipers on low . . .
cherry blossom rain

Elehna de Sousa



butterfly3.jpg

Amidst the weathered wood
A new barn door

Karen Dick

mounds of glistening snow
where summer's daisies
didn't bloom

Carol Dilworth

first e-mail
of the year
 a death
in the family

Huguette Ducharme

un nouveau spécimen
dans ma collection de coquillages
canette de fanta

André Duhaime

so much makeup
her smile
fixed

Sonja Dunn

white butterflies
amongst purple thistle
mid-September haze

Marje A. Dyck

Revolver Café
I share the last seat
with the draft

Adrian Dziewanski

14,000 feet
the mountain disappears
into my breathing

David Elliott

the girls
who cut my hair
call me honey

Robert Ertman

new moon
the tang
of goat's milk

Elizabeth Fanto

comparing tattoos
with my new care worker
fall equinox

Ignatius Fay



butterfly4.jpg

healthy soup
the stove consumes
these tired bones

John Fisher

all souls' day
the widow
plants garlic

Jim Force

saffron-robed monks
each grain of sand a prayer
in the mandala

Muriel Ford

hospital stay —
the flowers she brought
only lasted a few days

Stanford M. Forrester

maple leaves swirl
their long awaited
love letters

Gill Foss

writer's block
raking leaves
from last year

Marco Fraticelli

drooping tulips
more graceful even
than in their youth

Abigail Friedman

garden tour–
the old woman's life story
flower by flower

John Garrett



butterfly5.jpg

3 years widowed
in every pocket
balled up tissue

Pauline Gauthier

shoveling
only to the car
to the gym

Lin Geary

how long
does a human footprint last...
the summer moon

Barry George

holes
in the story
brisk wind

Irene Golas

how to erase
the words you finger-write
on my back?

Kim Goldberg

old age
desire has moved
to lemon meringue

Kevin Goldstein-Jackson

Precambrian to Holocene an Otis elevator

LeRoy Gorman



butterfly14.jpg

the pause before
the hummingbird's drink
bougainvillea

Alexander Hallil

the warmth
of my grandmother's hand
familiar carols

Anne Harreby

paper lanterns
rustle
ginko rain

Elaine Harvey

in my mirror
van gogh's haunted eyes
self portrait

Arch Haslett

chinook winds
melting the snow
heads will roll

Sterling Haynes

estate discovery
a wedding dress
with its price tag

Helen Herr

breakfast fire
smoke fills
the big dipper

Brendan Hewitt

cataracts
in mom's eyes—
the clouds only she sees

Judit Hollos

in the heavy snow
the funeral procession
without hesitation

Kim Horne

new spider webs
the breeze almost
sticking

Gary Hotham

pond holding sky holding swans

Louisa Howerow

layers and layers of yellow afterleaf

orange

sun

into pink

Marshall Hryciuk



butterfly7.jpg

robin
after a long stretch
half of the worm

Elinor Pihl Huggett

Yoga practice
in the shadow of Mount Fuji
stretching to the top

Liette Janelle

car keys in hand—
traveling room to room
to find my glasses

Harvey Jenkins

As I sit quietly
 Waiting
Dragonfly sits quietly
 On me

Meghan Jones

duck pond poodle pulling towards it

Hans Jongman

this mornings'
tulip haiku . . . the one
the rabbit left alone

Jean Jorgensen

ceasefire -
a soldier comes home
wrapped in moonlight

Arvinder Kaur

autumn
red-berry nightshade
climbs the cedar

Philomene Kocher

the girth
of a thirty-dollar pumpkin
peak colors

Deb Koen

shortest day
he never told me
he loved me

Deborah P Kolodji

Sous la couette lovés
nos corps indifférents
au chasse-neige

Celine Landry

three days of rain
I sink deeper
into the easy chair

Angela Leuck



butterfly8.jpg

my neighbor's garden
bursting with color --
For Sale sign

Chen-ou Liu

purple crocus
the colour of bruises
I no longer have

Sue Mackenzie

flood warning--
the river finds
its voice

Carole MacRury

moonless . . .
the fall wind whispers
my mother tongue

Michael McClintock

after yoga
my hips open
to red geraniums

Vicki McCullough

moonless night—
so many shades of darkness
in the cuckoo's call

Leanne McIntosh

the pig on a spit
grins from ear to ear
ghost stories

David McMurray

Plus d'arbre ce matin
La forêt n'est que neige
Piquée d'aiguilles

Francine Minguez



butterfly6.jpg

layers of clouds
hovering over the hills
sunlit spring leaves

Ruth-Ann Mitchell

December
deeper and deeper
the silence of the frozen creek

Ruth Mittelholtz

camellia blossoms—
granddaughter's lips
in the shape for "be"

Emiko Miyashita

using chemistry after all this time dried persimmon

Beverly Acuff Momoi

over 50
her yearly
poke and prod

Mike Montreuil

darkness falls
I tell myself
there are no ghosts

Joanne Morcom

a patriot's grief—
pausing to reflect upon
infamous events

Marc Mullo

sharpening the pencil marks in the margin

kj munro

seaweed
rocking on slow waves
a passing ferry

Ulrike Narwani

up at five
a household naps at ten
their grandson amok

Randy Nelsen

eighth month
the curve of the pear tree
heavy with fruit

Catherine Anne Nowatski

leaves on the maple
falling now
faraway loon

Michael Nowlan

bird sanctuary
a ruminating deer watches
the watchers

Nola Obee



butterfly9.jpg

autumn leaves
falling
in my world and his

Marian Olson

gone to seed
a wish not mine
breezes by

Roland Packer

clink of bone-china
her laughter
ushers in yesterday

Kamal Parmar

Marines reunion—
the older they get
the better they were

Brent Partridge

old world monkeys—
things that stay the same
and things that change

Marianne Paul

pierced
by a flicker's call
autumn fog

Jackie Pearce

Pré de frais coupé -
Picorant, une cigogne,
Nonchalamment

Delphine Pierson



butterfly11.jpg

windswept slope
then suddenly—
ptarmigan

Linda Pilarski

December sun
she cups her cup
of lemon tea

Robert Piotrowski

quiet reflections
the fan turns
in the stainless steel bowl

Pearl Pirie

the riddle of granite
above the abyss
a butterfly's touch

Witold Poplawski

his glass veranda —
from winter's light
oleander flowers

Marilyn Potter

a settling chill...
letting the fog in
with the cat

Ruth Powell

winter wedding —
in the bride's hair
flecks of snow

Patricia Prime

helping granny
down the front porch steps
first spring flowers

John Quinett

last night
a faded peony
in my father's room

Claudia Radmore

canicule
le jardin fleurit en abondance
la pie proteste

Lucille Raizada

mom busy
organizing photos
two clocks ticking

David Randen

affair
his discreet nod
after Mass

Nancy Richards



butterfly10.jpg

before the storm—
the darkness of night
magnifies the clouds

Claude Rodrigue

spring mud
an urge to dig up
my fountain pen

Michel Root-Bernstein

a pond reed
with seven snails but room
for the dragonfly

Bruce Ross

twelfth day of Christmas
a dozen wild turkeys
in the back yard

Sheila M Ross

smokey sunset
a streak of fire
across the pond

Colleen Roush

bank statement
the constant drip
of the kitchen tap

John Rowlands

at this age
sundial

Lyle Rumpel

she plants
forget-me-nots --
whatzisname's grave

Margaret Rutley

first salmon shared
the bones
return to the river

Joyce Ryckman



butterfly12.jpg

shimmering white sand
with wildflowers in the dunes;
raging, burning sun

Clarise Samuels

standing wave
the slow eddy
of a trout's fins

Grant D. Savage

Seaside
each white picket fence
different

Rich Schnell

obon shower
surfacing from black granite
his father's wet eyes

Guy Simser

cherry blossoms—
grandmother is placed
by the window

Beth Skala

94th floor
lighted avenues
like Nazca lines

Gregory Skala

finding good news
in the discarded paper
an unsolved crossword

Susan Spooner

chickadee
the sound of your name
on my tongue

Debbie Strange

this rocky coastline . . .
we walked here often,
now shore-bird pipes alone

Judith Anderson Stuart

poor slugs!
i too could drown
 in beer

Celia Stuart-Powles

winter solstice
Orion's belt stuck
in the chimney

Luminita Suse

golden nectar . . .
dew-covered petals
drip light

Diane Tchir



butterfly13.jpg

trouble speaking Japanese chewing gum

Jessica Tremblay

white
hydrangea, whiter
at dusk

Kozue Uzawa

A giant sea turtle
fades into the depths
salty tears follow

Mary Vlooswyk

blowing wildly—
a lone trumpet flower
on Che's memorial

Betty Warrington-Kearsly

scoring concertos,
crows arrange and rearrange
on five hydro wires

R.W. Watkins

a friend's death...
the maple leaves are falling
too early this year

Naomi Wakan

recycling day--
at the curb I reread
war headlines

Michael Dylan Welch

red numbers
the college fund
dissolves

David J. Widmann

closing the fireplace she ties her kimono belt

Donald Wilson

bird's eye view—
the marina
cloaked in white

Elizabeth Winkler



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