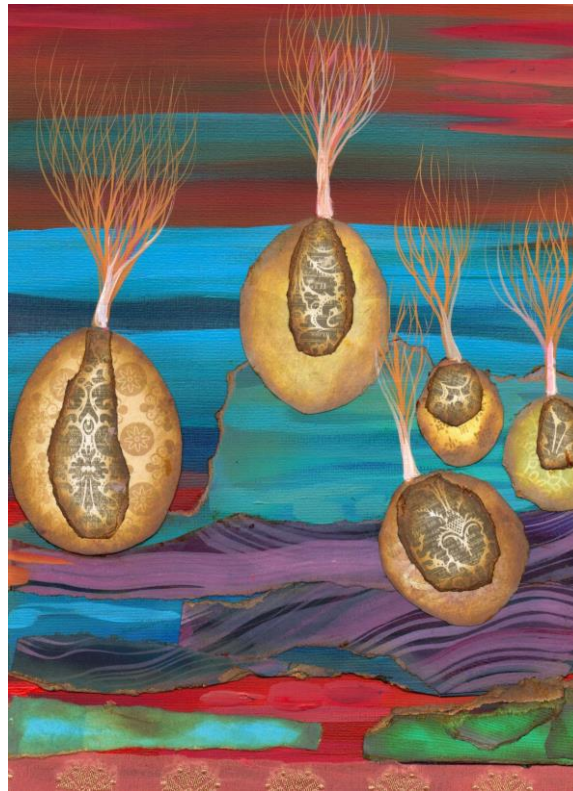


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Levitation

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YET PURPLE DAHLIAS



forecast rewriting my future daydreams

-Agnes Eva Savich, USA

an ordinary life yet purple dahlias

-Deborah A. Bennett, USA

the moon and I shift workers

-Stefanie Bucifal, Germany

borderwallborderwallborderwall... the length of a dream

-Chen-ou Liu, Canada

rush hour starlings on each other's tails

-Bryan Rickert, USA

meadow breeze the butterfly's eventual precision

-Mary Stevens, USA

in the game of life for whom am i the avatar

-George Swede, Canada

giving some thought to the rhubarb rain

-Michele Root-Bernstein, USA

ploughing the fields all afternoon untangling her hair

-Herb Tate, UK

heat advisory a worm pulls itself forward

-Greg Schwartz, USA

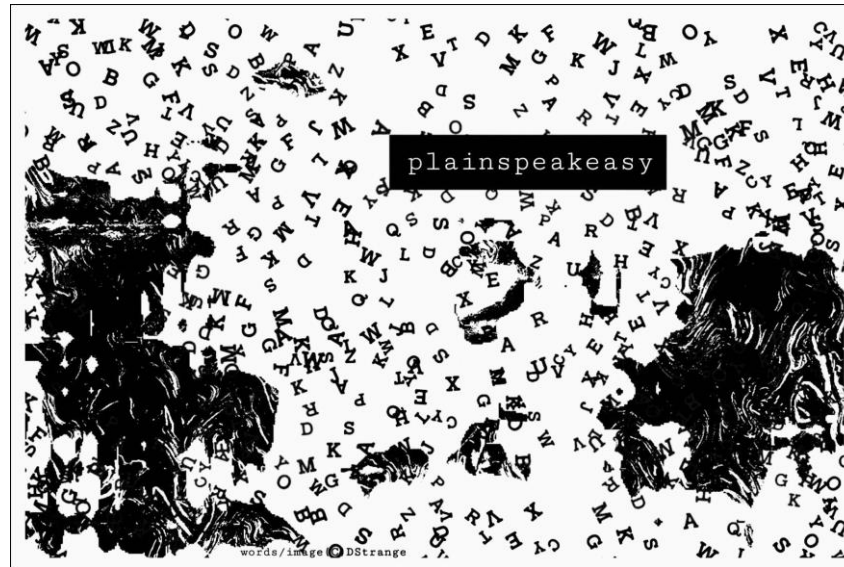
ice cubes melt the summer moon in a glass of lemonade

-Vincenza, USA

summer goodbyes sitting on the stump of a tree I climbed

-Bob Lucky, Portugal

LIGHT'S THESAURUS



plainspeakeasy

-Debbie Strange, Canada

island hike flag irises flagging

-Maeve O'Sullivan, Ireland

deep time translating the raven's voice

-Kristen Lindquist, USA

a vanessa flutters light's thesaurus

-Marshall Hryciuk, Canada

combing through the dialects of seashells

-John Hawkhead, UK

pine barrens decoding the patois of trees

-Marietta McGregor, Australia

rain tin train bra tan brain

-Geoff Pope, USA

winter virga caught in a lie

-Polona Oblak, Slovenia

her words peeling apples

-Genevieve Wynand, Canada

waiting period to buy a vowel gun

-paul m., USA

almost gone the word for pain in my mother tongue

-Antoinette Cheung, Canada

comfort dogs learning to read the air

-Beverly Acuff Momoi, USA

SLIPPING THROUGH



in blue ink her inner burns silently surface

-Julie Schwerin, USA

in an art gallery a girl into a girl

-Devoshruti Mandal, India

bud-swollen maple another spring savant

-Cherie Hunter Day, USA

honeymoon crepe myrtles gently shed their bark

-Silk~, USA

chrysanthemums trying on my wife's kimono

-Jacob Blumner, USA

my assigned gender violets are blue

-Alvin B. Cruz, Philippines

asleep, sheepskins hyacinth the wolf

-Réka Nyitrai, Romania

night migration the dunes under my eyes

-Hifsa Ashraf, Pakistan

the fog makes geese something white likes to zero-sum

-Dan Schwerin, USA

slippingthroughimeimnowhere

-Nika, Canada

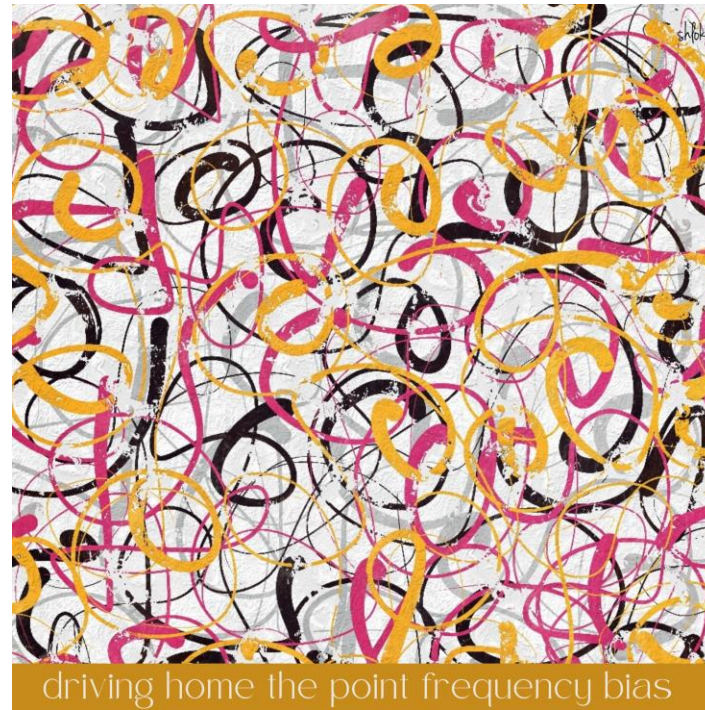
captured diagonals never enough snowfall for mourning doves to hide

-Ron Scully, USA

how long will it all last last light

-Peter Newton, USA

INSIDE THE WIND



driving home the point frequency bias

-Shloka Shankar, India

in a while the firefly once

-Michele Root-Bernstein, USA

rain the control from a different data set

-Cherie Hunter Day, USA

inside the wind the rain inside the tree

-Kathryn Liebowitz, USA

switchgrass stigmas flower and sway

-Seth Copeland, USA

wild grasses still a learning experience

-Minal Sarosh, India

red moon she counts his ribs apple to apple

-Elisa Theriana, Indonesia

the moon a lion's tooth dipped in milk

-Réka Nyitrai, Romania

a forest of fern light rain on upturned faces

-Maeve O'Sullivan, Ireland

claustrophobia the cave god

-Arvinder Kaur, India

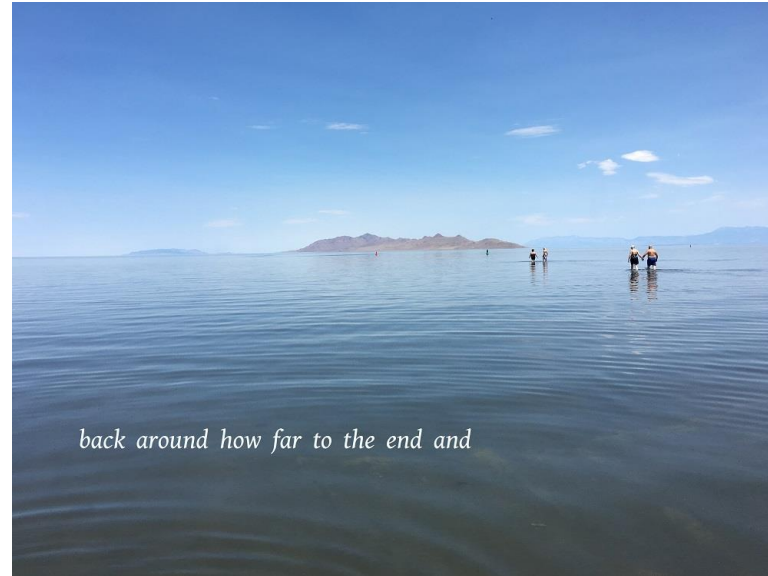
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agge edge he hem yes terda and tom orro

-Meg Arnot, UK

meteor shower this morning's bright ideas

-George Swede, Canada

FUNERAL SKY



back around how far to the end and

-Mariel Herbert, USA

drawing me in my moth - white dress your darkness

-Mary Stevens, USA

you in me mother i sense autumn

-Kala Ramesh, India

rosemary memory decomposing poems in the butterfly garden

-Ash Evan Lippert, USA

the scar in the earth where the gutter rain falls this emptiness

-Jennifer Hambrick, USA

turkey carving my father's absence

-Peter Newton, USA

a silent nightingale in her throat cancer

-Robert Witmer, Japan

the pale blue palette of the funeral's sky my father's eyes

-Joseph P. Wechselberger, USA

we can't say schizophrenia rain in the funeral tent

-Dan Schwerin, USA

rereading your o(r)bit blue moon

-Roland Packer, Canada

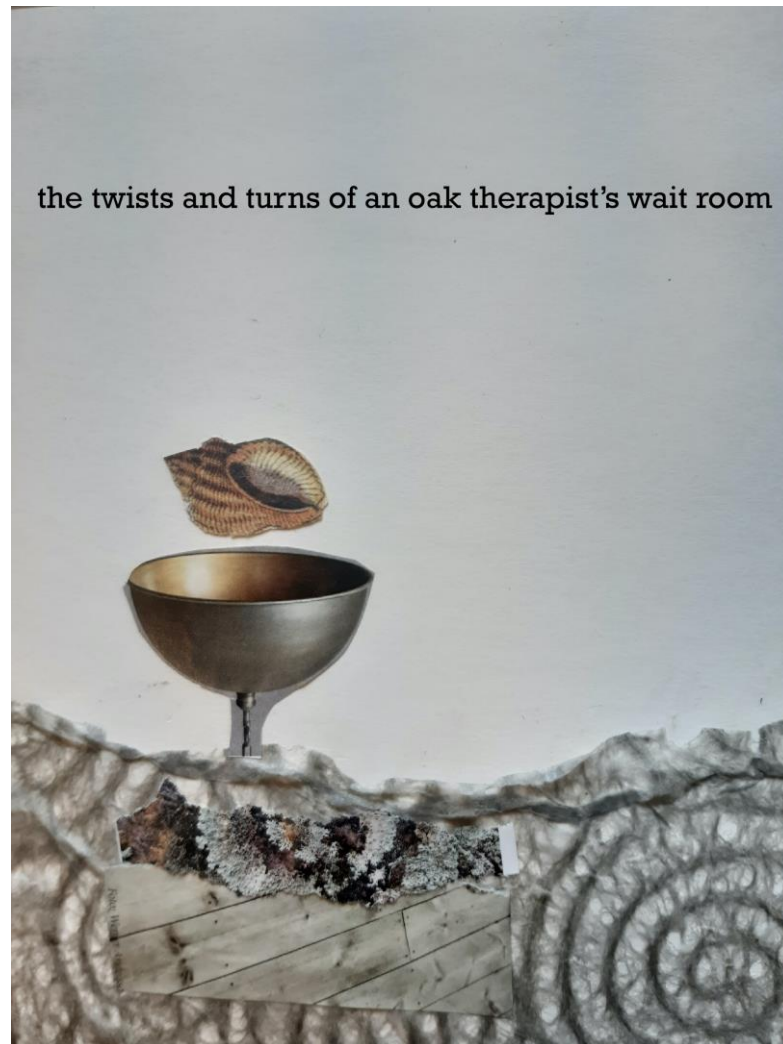
humming lyrics almost inaudibly her grave

-paul m., USA

the moment kindling catches grief

-Evan Vandermeer, USA

SMALL WINS



the twists and turns of an oak therapist's wait room

-Elizabeth Gold, Sweden (art) & Agnes Eva Savich, USA (poem)

in the sandbox building my Bollingen Tower

-Marianne Paul, Canada

the way she turns the earth cloud hands

-Barbara A Sabol, USA

uninstalled the version of God I didn't like

-Vandana Parashar, India

weighed down in the dark still light within luminaria

-Marcie Wessels, USA

snowed in a dress just because

-Tanya McDonald, USA

inside me the softness of a whelk

-Mona Bedi, India

yellow soup if i could feel this way forever

-James Lindley, USA

in the name of healing fireflies in the jar

-Elisa Theriana, Indonesia

here and there in the neighbourhood gardens evening light

-Michael Dylan Welch, USA

swollen knee shrunken prostate spring equinox

-Bruce H. Feingold, USA

summer drizzle small wins

-Hemapriya Chellappan, India

JONATHAN'S PICKS

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almost gone the word for pain in my mother tongue

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mountainous the interstice between i can't and i can

-Harshada Kulkarni, India

sound after sound constructing a house

-Minal Sarosh, India

declared a non-event the li(v)es I've never lived

-Shloka Shankar, India

depression lingering winter shadow walks slowly

-C.X. Turner, UK

PIPPA'S PICKS

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courtyard of dead leaves lust blooming in this heat

-Shonin, USA

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