POETRY

A Dark Night

The yellow gleam of his eyes watches the winding path. Lesser creatures flee before him, trembling at his very sound, knowing his deadly might. The beast has journeyed far today, and profited much, but now he yearns for home. He is tired; his members are numb, his mind is weary. Still he forces himself to press on at his proud pace, though his sense of caution is failing.

Fatigue is his bane. He does not see the eyes that glare back at him, he cannot alter his path. Their encounter is brief, their battle is furious. Both lie maimed, but it is the tired beast who suffers the gravest loss. Torn and battered, on of its members lies dead amongst the carnage.

Far away, a teardrop falls for the girl who was that member.

Michel Royer



Time and Time Again

Isn't it strange what feelings can arise from a simple glance across a crowded room through smokey haze and bright lights when you feel your stomach flip in the old familiar way and sense your heart beating faster and faster and by the time you get the nerve to glance up again his gaze is shifted the other way and he speaks to her and you feel your stomach sink in the old familiar way and sense your heart breaking more and more 'til finally you leave but you know you shall ' continue this futile charade next time and forever...

bird of Paradise,
I hold you in my hand
as I stand
only on one mind.
your voice,
the cry for love
is smothered
beneath
a falling star
screaming
into the night.

Veronica Smith



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While Fate Laughs

Like fools we wait

standing in the smokey haze among the crowds the waitress passes but we decline we must be in control In control! It makes fate laugh! at these mindless bodies to waste such time in such a charade is ridiculous so fate laughs he tricks us and in the end he hurts us but we continue to disillusion ourselves with restraint and control while fate plays with our minds and we wait

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standing in the smokey haze

like fools.



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