

Poetry Sweatshops are becoming a regular occasion at the Grawood. Aspiring writers gather together, equipped with a sheet of paper, a pen and a page from Roget's Thesaurus, and are given one half hour to produce a poem. The next Grawood Sweatshop will be November 22, with host Alex Gigeroff of CKDU fame. 25 poets are invited to begin at 8:30 p.m., and three winners will get money and prizes.

Here are the three winners from the October 25th Sweatshop:

Peter Boyce — winner
HIFF

*The wind blew wistlessly through the mast
I stood fainthearted at the helm
Many ships this land has past
Many men this sea has claimed*

*Four and twenty hours have seen our crew
Peer and hope that light would show
Upon our deck, for a day new
The generation next awaits my return*

*Spouse, child, my name, my father's name
Who will see that it means what it has
The sea knows not who I am
Will she allow wisdom to pass?*

*There, light as soft as a lover's purr
Port of call, home, a gift and a song
My son's delight, my wife's allure
Shoe on earth, ship at bay, another embrace.*

Mark Skarzynski
CASIMIR

*Carried from afar already visible
This slow arrival of silence;
the long passage beside silver streams
the cascade of light and voices*

*A slender procession of verbs, of faces
curious life at the window, companion
carried from afar already visible
Taking you farthest from yourself*

*This slow arrival of silence
uplifting you from any room
though the body remains, a presence flowers
Poetry uses your energy to speak*

*We do not serve Time
Time, like a mind, serves us
carried from afar, already visible*

Andrew Campbell
ZÖOL

Monuments

*Fragments of our treasures
become our past.*

*Caesar's centurions left
a pair of dice in London
two thousand year old bets
cupped in archeologist's hands*

*They kept Christ's robe intact
or were instruments of personal ruin*

two cubes of bone.

*Mary crying cradles dead Christ
carved from a single stone
somewhere in St. Peter's, Rome
its sugared dome
melted by the waste
of Hamilton, Hamburg and Pittsburgh
suspended in a drop of rain.*

*Ice-cream mountain-tops
Lakes ignorant of Evinrudes
Cleopatra's needle
and moribund potash strip mines
are melted by my morning shave*

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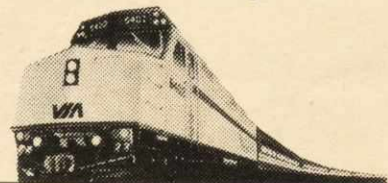
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