pock

of tennis balls—

the heat

Gwenn Gurnack

Boston, Massachusetts

longest day  
rolling each awning  
out to its limit  
  
Michele L. Harvey  
Hamilton, New York

summit  
a gnat's weight  
on my nose  
  
John Hawk  
Columbus, Ohio

bottom of the canyon

a brochure

of spectacular views

LeRoy Gorman

Napanee, Ontario, Canada

swallowtail

maybe I'll

say yes

Francine Banwarth

Dubuque, Iowa

doll house—

my daughter changes

her mind again

Tomislav Maretić

Vrapche, Croatia

sagging porch  
my conversation  
with a stray dog

Lynne Steel

Hillsboro Beach, Florida

far from home

she puts a shell

to my ear

Stephen Toft

Lancaster, United Kingdom

home run  
moths swarm  
the floodlights  
  
John Soules  
Wingham, Ontario, Canada

summer stars . . .  
an actor’s bow  
sweeps the pool of light  
  
Michele L. Harvey  
Hamilton, New York

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skin

is all I know of me . . .

distant thunder

Quendryth Young

Alstonville, New South Wales, Australia

near the horizon

a wave forms

touch me there, again

Eve Luckring

Los Angeles, California

desert motel . . .

opening the door

to starlight

Victor Ortiz

San Pedro, California

moonflower  
a love letter  
to Captain Kirk  
  
Deborah P Kolodji

Temple City, California

screened window

the full scent

of jasmine

Cara Holman

Portland, Oregon

city alley  
the heart of an iris  
holding rain  
  
Cora Whitmore     
Bangor, Maine

heirloom roses  
she crunches eggshell  
into the black loam   
  
Elizabeth Howard  
Crossville, Tennessee

building thunderhead—

the white hydrangea  
touched with blue  
   
Sandra Simpson  
Tauranga, New Zealand

beads of rain . . .  
raspberries holding on  
to summer

Susan Constable

Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, Canada

morning walk

the stranger’s dog

knows my scent

Greg Piko

Canberra, Australia

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olive sea  
I disappear into another  
gray day  
  
Deborah P Kolodji

Temple City, California

lame doe at dusk

shifting the weight

of my day

Michele Root-Bernstein

East Lansing, Michigan

too late

to call him dad

autumn leaves

Marcus Larsson

Växjö, Sweden

Mom’s ashes pass

through airport security

autumn evening

Carolyn Hall

San Francisco, California

autumn sunset  
the flutter of the sail  
as it loses wind

Polona Oblak  
Ljubljana, Slovenia

first night of fall . . .  
most of the moon  
spills through the leaves  
  
Bill Pauly

Dubuque, Iowa

pale moon

my childhood gone

with her last breath

Thomas W. Schurin

Cary, Illinois

another dream

about the otherworld—

pressed flowers

Duro Jaiye

Hirakata, Japan

baby photos  
from my birth mother . . .

how do I say hello to me

Alan Summers  
Bradford on Avon, England

old postcard  
a steamship voyage  
on a stamp  
  
Tom Rault

Oss, The Netherlands

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piano practice  
leaves swirl    
*allegro con brio*  
  
Roberta Beary  
Washington, District of Columbia

autumn wind  
I take what I want  
of the apples  
  
Gregory Hopkins  
Weaver, Alabama

scudding moon   
a starfish holds fast  
to the hull

Lorin Ford

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

October fest  
too much oom-pah-pah  
in the mustard  
  
Adelaide Shaw  
Millbrook, New York

neck

& neck—

geese

Alan S. Bridges

Littleton, Massachusetts

leaves in the wind . . .

this time

I let him go

Naia

Temecula, California

first names  
no longer in fashion  
weathered headstones  
  
John Soules  
Wingham, Ontario, Canada

godless month  
a double rainbow  
spans the mourners

Berenice Mortimer

Westlock, Alberta, Canada

between roots and branches  
centuries  
and a child's swing

Seánan Forbes

London, England

first snow

cascading through cedar

a woodpecker’s call

Margaret Dornaus

Ozark, Arkansas

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first flakes

the nowhere voices

of geese

Ann K. Schwader

Westminster, Colorado

All Saints’ Day dusk:  
a blackbird’s alarm call                 
sets off another

Matthew Paul

London, England

the snow  
follows grace  
stone soup  
  
Roland Packer  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

folding the map  
part of the country ends  
in the ocean  
   
Gary Hotham  
Scaggsville, Maryland

first

in the last trash bag—

the box it came in

Stephen Amor  
Fremont, Ohio

New Year’s Day

the cloud that held the mountain

lets go

Christopher Herold

Port Townsend, Washington

winter frost—

the sword’s sharp shine

out of the sheath

Jianqing Zheng

Itta Bena, Mississippi

winter thaw  
tasting spiced cider  
on my lover's tongue

Alicia Hilton

Wilmette, Illinois

a rose petal  
in the singing bowl . . .  
first blackbird  
   
Claire Everett  
North Yorkshire, England

bare trees

a request for an update

of my bio

George Swede

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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glare ice

the old dog

pees on the moon

Grant D. Savage

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

wind blown snow

a ewe’s cry

in the night

Angela Terry

Lake Forest Park, Washington

sun-bright morning

dragons of factory smoke

dissolved by wind

Christopher Herold

Port Townsend, Washington

mild winter  
the shore ice  
releases its litter

Hilary Tann

Schuylerville, New York

after all the things  
that have gone wrong—  
plum blossoms  
  
Sanjukta Asopa  
Karnataka, India

measuring a life

from crocus

to crocus

Beth McFarland

Karlsruhe, Germany

I find myself  
losing the trail . . .                       
greening woods  
  
Kirsty Karkow  
Waldoboro, Maine

songbirds returning . . .

the tunes my father

would whistle

Francine Banwarth

Dubuque, Iowa

spring cleaning—  
my daughter finds the key  
to the music box  
  
Ola Lindberg  
Ystad, Sweden

trail frog  
the children  
jump back  
  
John Hawk  
Columbus Ohio

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early spring . . .  
specks from the sky  
settle near the river  
  
Carol Raisfeld  
Atlantic Beach, New York

inside the bud

all the reasons

to believe

Claudette Russell

Hampton, Connecticut

the robin's song  
garlic shoots  
lift the soil  
  
Dan Grace

Sheffield, South Yorkshire, United Kingdom

the swell

before the river splits

into another name

Jon Baldwin

Ramsgate, England

daylight saving

the neighbor’s pregnancy

begins to show

Cherie Hunter Day

Cupertino, California

from the far bank  
the two-note squeaks of coot chicks                      
strobe the river

Matthew Paul

London, England

butterbur  
the rabbits explore  
a little further

John Barlow  
Ormskirk, England

outdoor wall  
banyan shoot curls  
in my shadow

Suhit Kelkar  
Maharashtra, India

Stuffed in a bus

The scent of spring

In a woman’s musk

Jack Galmitz

Elmhurst, New York

in the stream  
a lone fisherman   
that once was me

Joseph M. Kusmiss  
Sanbornton, New Hampshire

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stargazer lily . . .

a dab of pollen on the tip

of her nose

Naia

Temecula, California

butterfly  
the thought of myself  
not thinking

Bill Kenney

New York, New York

primrose—

a new nurse hired

in the playhouse

Motoko Amatsuji

Hyogo, Japan

yard sale—  
listening to sunsets  
in the conch shell  
  
Adelaide Shaw  
Millbrook, New York

sweetfish fall downstream

      how easily I slip

into yesterday

Kala Ramesh

Pune, India

slow current . . .

the rusting shadow

of a truss bridge

Mark E. Brager

Columbia, Maryland

our legs  
stir up phosphorescence  
the heat

Alice Frampton

Seabeck, Washington

peaceful evening  
the drip  
of oars at rest  
  
Jeff Stillman  
Norwich, New York

clouds drift . . .  
the trail of a rain drop  
on a dirt covered leaf

K. Ramesh  
Chennai, India

dusk . . .  
the home plate umpire  
brushes it off again  
  
Christopher Patchel  
Chicago, Illinois

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rustle of palm leaves . . .  
fishermen play cards  
in the boat's shade

K. Ramesh  
Chennai, India

summer afternoon—  
the saxophone busker  
takes a drag

Marshall Bood

Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

roadside walk

a beggar stretches

leg as hand

Adjei Agyei-Baah

Kumasi, Ghana

tornado watch  
cricket songs carried  
from tall grass  
   
Johnnie Johnson Hafernik  
San Francisco, California

fiddlers’ festival

the bull frogs’

uneven harmony

Peg McAulay Byrd

Madison, New Jersey

Gypsy violin . . .  
the wheat harvest  
sparkling with fireflies  
  
Tatjana Debeljački  
Uzice, Serbia

alone  
with Dad's old songs  
another night of fireflies  
  
Joyce Clement  
Bristol, Conneticut

mountain pass wind

whistles through my pack frame –

a pika answers

Ruth Yarrow

Seattle, Washington

     adonis blue . . .  
   searching in vain  
among the heathcliffs  
   
Helen Buckingham  
Bristol, Avon, England

crescent moon

quiet lullaby

from the rocker

Urszula Wielanowska

Kielce, Poland

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my housefly's autumn

the window with the hills

of apple trees

Michael McClintock

Clovis, California

unilingual

I study the expressions

in a wren's eye

Merrill Ann Gonzales

Dayville, Connecticut

moonlit waves

the glow of streetlights

on clapboard cottages

Garry Eaton

Port Moody, British Columbia, Canada

first cold day  
the cat kneads  
a patch of sunlight  
  
Lauren Mayhew  
Somerville, Massachusetts

snow in the forecast—   
some extra spice   
in the Jambalya   
  
Paul David Mena  
Cocituate, Massachusetts

first flakes

discovering my childhood

in a box

Dietmar Tauchner

Puchberg, Austria

12.01 am

flying a drunkard's path

the year's first moth

Violette Rose-Jones

Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, Australia

Orion's belt

my words byte by byte

to another continent

Deb Baker

Concord, New Hampshire

snow erasing

the garden's features—

teaching my dad to shave

Mathew Spano

Hillsborough, New Jersey

after the funeral  
snow covers  
the dark places  
  
Jerry Dreesen  
Arcadia, Indiana

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a grain of rice  
on the mayor's face . . .  
New Year's Levee  
  
Chen-ou Liu  
Ajax, Ontario, Canada

January—   
the gym crowded   
with resolutions   
  
Paul David Mena  
Cocituate, Massachusetts

winter chill  
turkey vultures circling  
one of their own

Robyn Hood Black  
Gainesville, Georgia

forecasted storm . . .

the low-battery

in my kindle

Connie Donleycott

Bremerton, Washington

long train  
the roundness of snow  
on tanker cars

an’ya

Westfir, Oregon

hunger moon  
the sound of squirrel teeth  
on a hazelnut

Polona Oblak  
Ljubljana, Slovenia

winter tulips

squeaking

as they enter the vase

Hilary Tann

Schuylerville, New York

winter mist  
at the stoplight pink sneakers  
keep running

Stephen Kusch

Oakland, California

rabbits at dusk  
as if foxes did not also  
love twilight

J. Zimmerman

Santa Cruz, California

lent is over  
a bartender flips  
the coaster  
  
Dan Schwerin  
Greendale, Wisconsin

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pond shimmer  
there not there   
     grebes

Gene Murtha

Buena, New Jersey

filtered sunlight  
where the forest thins  
daffodils  
  
Andy Burkhart  
Cincinnati, Ohio

early spring

the honey pot

nearly empty

Giselle Maya

St. Martin de Castillon, France

her gray hair

gone blonde—

first day of spring

Carolyn Hall

San Francisco, California

goose crossing

the old pick-up's

broken horn

Terri L. French

Huntsville, Alabama

fiddlehead fern

the way it rolls

off the tongue

Alan S. Bridges

Littleton, Massachusetts

valley stillness—  
a butterfly passes through  
an empty log

Rita Odeh

Nazareth, Israel

sunset

flash of starlings

in the acacia

Bob Lucky

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

fading stars  
a hedgehog haphazards  
its way back home

Alan Summers  
Bradford on Avon, England

day lilies  
waking to find  
it wasn’t a  dream

Ignatius Fay

Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

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