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Navigator

Radar

sounds
rest through
the nature
of bat-like twitters
vibrating words
as the master signals
wave weary craft
toward harbor
over ocean shivers

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Welcome...

This little adventure is a collection of essays, blog entries, poetry, and random thoughts. Every item included was chosen because it spoke of life and spirit in some way.

Navigator, Rest, Christmas If, A Personal Ecclesiastes 1, 2, and 3 were previously published in Plumb magazine, an art journal based in British Columbia. Check out their latest issue by going to plumb.ca

Circling was first published in Every Day Poems and April was first published in Blue Skies Poetry.

Well, there you have the story of the story. I hope the following items provoke thought, anger, or something...After all, what is the point of writing if you can't make somebody angry?

With that said, we start out our journey with Liferiders, which fittingly is set where many journeys begin, at a bus stop.

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Liferiders...

Apathy

a swing without motion
visible in these
lazy pale faces
mornings are cartoons
drawn by the sleepless night
targeted
in the headlights
at a bus stop
carrying out the hit
of caffeine
jolting into motion

Wintergreen

Pilgrims

drenched in winter
headlights fade from focus
streams of empty
ritual in transit
lost to the vapor trails
environmental progress
hovers beneath a human fog
and the world turns
somehow
the world spins

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Snap!

Livid traffic streams
straining in a circular cycle
with twisting compulsion
nerves so tightly wound
these trembling bowstrings
propelling arrows of blistered audio
piercing the rage covered hollow
and every hypocrisy found
inside
driving lifeless through urban echoes
craving silence
something to settle
this fragile nature

Benji

I believe that animals have something to tell us about life. Even if you aren't Doctor Doolittle.

For example, I once had a dog. he was a little German Shepherd named Benji. Every afternoon when I'd go out, he'd be waiting. Bouncing around like a ball of naked electricity waiting to be set free.

Hey Benji! Aren't you worried about the economy?

NoIwannaPlayNoIwannaPlayNoIwannaPlay!

No matter what life threw at him, Benji had something better to look forward to. I would let him go and he would streak across the yard in a blaze of joy.

Of course, the cats weren't as impressed. but them, they were cats, they don't party as some other creatures do...they are more into black-tie affairs and filet mignon...and we love them for it.

Honestly.

Benji's end came after a stranger; I think it was a cat person, wandered into Benji's yard. This person was profoundly disturbed that a creature would live life with such exuberance.

Benji was promptly reported as a hazard to the community

and soon the appropriate authorities arrived to do their heroic duty. Yet, even toward the end, Benji remained the same.

Hey Benji! Aren't you angry at the person who accused you?

NoIwannaPlayNoIwannaPlayNoIwannaPlay!

Benji died, true to his principles, those who killed him, true to theirs. Yet, Benji taught us that in life, no matter what happens, there is something better to look forward to. That moment when our Master sets us free...that moment when we can finally run across the yard in a blaze of joy.

To those of you who don't know the master, I can only say this, why wouldn't you want to know someone who could set you free?

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Puzzles

Is it natural
to wonder
in rage
while painting life
so poetic
as it peels
from the wall of vision
evolving
with apes mumbling
fairytales
of overconsumption
to the tribes
hunched over the digital fires
of television

Horror Movie

Without a word
as the channels murmur
and the adventure
revolves as always
from the fatal rocket
soaring over brain crumbs
drying under the tired sun
clichés rhyming with another episode
left behind in the apocalypse
calculated to appeal to everyone

McPreacher

Has the digital
blizzard
become artistic
expression
a hologram of
warm compliments
the blessed color
a practical preacher
painting over
mannequin eyes
in this sacred ceremony
of the shallow
obedient to this sermon
fasting later
because our
sugar water
is here sooner
and flavored better

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