

BRASS RING

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These days,
We go
Very fast.
I can feel
The pace
In my veins.

Where I grew up,
There was always
Food.
Fists of it.

Now,
I'm afraid.
But you're here
Where a crank
Needs a turn,
And a switch
Needs a flip.

You and your
Carefully-placed comments,
Like tea,
Appealing to conscience,
And narcissists.

I'm grateful
For you.

When you're enraged,
You take a walk,
Text friends,
Make salmon.

You never
Let them see.
Instead,
they comment
On your healthy lunch.

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pond near hospital
people in scrubs walking by

algae, birds and rain

{GM}



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Banana Bowl

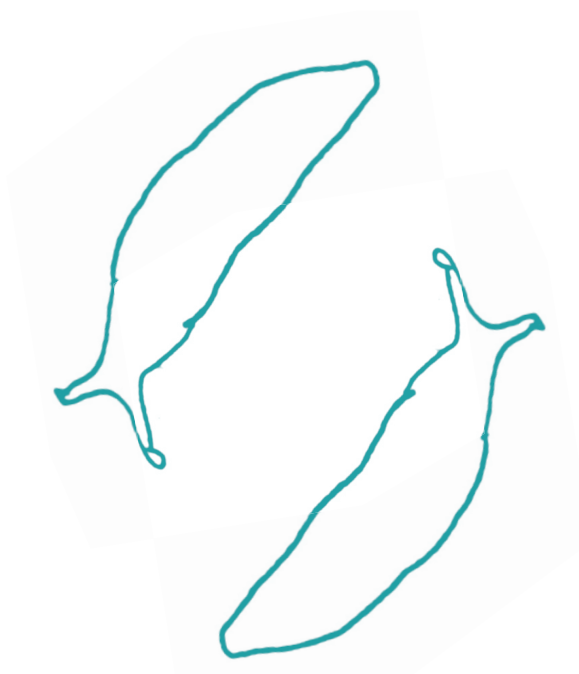
I read a sign
don't swim alone while
a man says don't be discouraged
into his phone while
a father helps his son off the stairs while
I walk towards my favorite breakfast
since 2016
I've written about it more than I ate it

{LB}

At Beach 90

court is only a little room

{LB}



Some Berries

Everyone will ask you what you want.
When they do,
Say that
Dirt can't hold anyone back.
You want what a tree wants.

Say that
Every plant knows just how to sit
on top of a piano,
That even
In a lot full of discarded furni-
ture,
Much of the furniture
Used to have wheels.

You've seen what leaves do,
How they rise outside,
In the rain.

Everyone
Who thinks we're strange
Doesn't know
How strong we are.

{MC}



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August Puffer

Full with morning
cold pizza it's
slow going getting
through my cigarette
ashing over incense
in the too expensive
dirt of my pot plant
I wish this cloudy citrine
on the windowsill
would bring the sun
or the light
filled sweat of
summer lethargy
a fan boat gliding
over swampy air
a hard bloated belly
floating in a
shallow blue
blow-up pool
the thick cloud sun
peaking over
on stinking beer sweat
beading golden madonna
belting the smoking
hits of lightning shaking
the roof from hot
sex filled afternoon dreams
and that external
demented life
shut out the window
of another cold
summer day

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