

Poetry, photography reflect moods

Unicycling

dreamsportation is odd, it's true.
As i peddled this unicycle grew.
A buckerooer on parade
cattily i leaned and swayed
changing direction as i played.

then i began to see
my destination was to be
where traffic tangle, lights and wire
in vain to trip my mount conspired.

by Rexall's slick tan bricks i roll
to clutch the rubbery flagpole's ball
too light-height or heat of Fright?
i realize i must Fall.

no way out of town
just one way down, no option
right in front of City hall
backwards, i fall.

---Dian Coleman



Photo by Lorraine Strain

Drunken in what country?

My tongue can lull and shout,
may the people want me out.
I don't pout, what's a pout?
Whimpering, crying, bawling
my body's slow and sprawling
and the ground is solid
ground;
I hit it with such force!
I do want to know the place
I'm felt.
So I'm being spun.
To pull apart at weak lines
but to solidify. Where?

Pipi

In the Lower State

Falling dead upon the floor,
leaves sprinkle my face,
I dream of dark and
mysterious things:
I try to keep my place.
spinning webs, (weaving traps)
crying hard;
I try to rouse my brain
but it lies sleeping also.
My silk is dry, so too, my eyes,
I hang in limbs, hungry.
I grasp at things in space.

---Cathy Griffin

Editor's Note: The following poems were created by Clackamas Community College students currently enrolled in Robert Krieger's "Creative Writing" course.

At A Loss in Time

I sailed across the river styx,
With Charon by my side.
A Putrid breeze in our face,
As we carried those in disgrace;
Who sang of the eel,
Who drank the wine;
I was handed a bottle,
Like the eel
I also became electrified!

In my debauchery
She appeared before me--
or I before her--on the shore.
She was like a goddess,
So white and pure.
Before any words.
I took a deep breath.
My body went numb,
I fell to the shore;
For powdery white sand
went to my head.

I walked alone,
Along the shore;
Escaped from reality,
I realized it was no more.

---Alan Cohen

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