

Troll

by Sunset

As the pain drips through my soul
 I question this reality I love
 Caught between consequences and dreams
 Waiting and wondering what it will take to become whole
 Are these soggy feet just a manifestation
 Or do the gods hate me with a passion
 Going insane now I've lost control
 Spiraling down a path of destruction
 Caught between what is, was and will be
 I push away those I love with the 10 ft. pole
 It's just a defense mechanism learned over time
 Allowing me to vent through shyness
 Another crazy hippy on a roll
 Strolling through life spreading magic
 However so many think I am just a dick
 What if I'm right and I don't have a soul
 Just an empty shell of what was
 I like to believe I can heal my brain damage
 But life is expensive, I can't afford this toll
 So I keep moving, drifting spot to spot
 Wondering will I ever control all these thoughts
 Or am I doomed to forever be a troll.

Sunday Mornings in the Park

By Kareem Ali

Sunday mornings in the park
 They crowd the final bench,
 Out where columns of porcelain
 Statues used to be.

Between games of chess and checkers
 They manufacture time
 To ogle older women,
 The ones passing by
 Soaking in an elixir of wrinkles
 And middle age.

Yet these gentlemen
 Still fan the smoldering flames of life
 Of forgotten student days,
 Reminiscent of unlit embers
 And uncaught fish.

Their depleted lives are reluctantly
 Slipping into a final nectar
 A final glimmer of smoke
 In the rear view mirror,
 Yet they pray hopefully,
 Willfully,
 For things that are,
 And things that are not.

Monsoon season

by j.mccurdy

until you have been
 to the desert
 in the middle of a drought

you can not ...
 begin
 to say

you appreciate water....


that is how you
 make
 my heart feel

like the
 ground
 as it

greedily gulps

up
 every single drop
 of rain
 the sky

has to spare




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