

These Are Things That I Have Seen

by Aaron Chandler

These are all things that I have seen
 Happening on our very own streets
 Sprinkler heads pulled out their piping to spill
 Precious fresh water straight down the drain
 In spite of the drought, just to spite the rationed
 Who honors the fish and all else sustained by her
 Spiting the small farmer paying their cruel water-rate
 Watch the water spill that should bless the crop

Barrels emptied of trash for a couple of cans
 People getting paid to pick it right up again
 It clots on the streets when the wind is done blowing
 A patina of shit that sticks to our shoes
 Getting tracked into houses, gyms, and nurseries
 Rouses the clean and the righteous to anger
 Deviants will get nothing from them but a cold stare
 Which in turn spins the wheel of all of our anger
 The actions inspiring it, the judgment which holds it tight
 Can sometimes be cooled by a true and kind smile

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 Bright youth sold for the price of a hit
 Strong men beat weak of some dumb little thing

The Eyes of My Soul

by Ron Sanford

Designating things
 with function and form
 is such a chore for a writer
 No mortal, fallen human has all the answers.

Life is not digitally experienced.
 Life is lived in stereo, real time.
 So relax, you must take time so you can heal.

The eyes of my soul
 are searching for meaning
 I wake up on a cold sidewalk, it's unreal!
 I am spent
 Later I will speak to you in waves.

Sight, smell, taste, hearing and feeling.
 I am transfixed.

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