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NOTHING TO BREAK UP

CHERYL TOWNSEND

He wrote me
to say he
didn't want any letters
from me
He called me
to tell me
he didn't want to hear
my voice
When he drove by
my house
I knew he
wasn't looking

CLIMAX

PIERRE ROUSTAN

The rise--
It builds in me,
My body shaking hard
At the high cliff's edge; I leap off
Screaming.

SAVAGE

JODANA THOMPSON

I.

He plays dangerous
with the lion all day,
clawing intentions
for meat.
He is predator arrow
and prey to the teeth,
roaring war mask
unmelted by the heat
sweating jungle.

At night under leaf
the boy dreams
swirling rhythms
of beasts.
Their hearts beat one
skin-stretched drum
until morning.

II.

Welcoming night,
the street holds
an eye open.
The boy without
a beast doesn't sleep,
he only has fear
of the heat.
City steel cracks
the drum beating thuds
of a random heart.
Gun shots
without warning.

HELP ME THROUGH

LAURA JOHNSON

I'm reaching out for your hand.
Please take mine and lead me through the wreckage of my life.
Hold me close,
give me strength,
and show me that you care.
I need your love so don't let go.
For I am weak and I will fall deeper down the hole I'm in.
For I hardly have any will left to go on.
And no light to guide me.

JEANNE D'ARC'S LAST NIGHT ON EARTH

DON HARGRAVES

After weeks of torture and being preached to,
I confessed to certain crimes against the Holy Church.
So desperate were they for my words of confession
that they offered freedom and mercy for my words --
all I had to do was wear a dress as my sign of repentance,
and even here my jailers worked to accommodate me:
the five English dogs were replaced by Vatican guards
afraid to touch me for fear of excommunication.
But that night Jesus came to me with slacks in hand
and said "Tomorrow you shall be with me in Paradise."

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