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i think of Elizabeth and hear the ringing.
if i write another poem it's going to rain
if i write another poem it's going to thunder
we don't want it to rain to-day

so let that poem go into the great unbegotten
let the twelve thousand roses of the thunderpoet
return to his Lord. let them fall into the air
unto those being tortured

let them too hav hope. let them say courage
to the man hanging by his feet
to the woman hooz tung has turnd black

to the man with his hand in hot parafin
let the twelve thousand roses of the thunderlord
say courage to the core of the world.

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well i've askt 2 women for a date
not both at the same time, over a period of a month
Marie said she had a jealous boyfriend
the other said no she was committed

so you can see i'm not doing too well
sitting here on Friday night talking to myself
hwen i was young i thought that
after i had a poem publisht

that a beautiful lady would appear
but it hasn't made the slightest difference.
it's a false myth the meaning of man

bettr find myself another myth quick
one that givs me a reason to liv
hwen even the roses turn their heads the other way

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hwy is it always the same dream —
Dr. Brown & her children
are in a fortress in the desert
& i climb the wall at night & it's cold

in the dream tonight i threw down a sweater
i said that's all the clothes i coud find
but i brought a sheet you coud make a skirt out of

in all of the dreams i climb the wall at night
& lower down a rope ladder
and there are four donkeys

after that we go north toward En-Gedi
it's hard to believe the beauty of the Salt Sea
in this stranj hallucinating landscape
i would make luv to thee.

— Robert Head

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SEEING MY NAME IN PRINT IS EMOTIONAL

i go to my mailbox every day to find
demands from collection agencies and
acceptance letters for my poems —
i don't know whether to laugh or cry

KARATE PANTS COVER A GOOD HARD-ON
(OR MEN IN LOVE)

they cut the air with their hands
wearing clothes unlike the men of
d h lawrence who strip and battle naked
teasing the flesh with their body's edge

NEXT TIME I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT

he said i was the most passionate woman
he'd ever known after i'd just sucked
him off one last time before he left for
california without asking me to go with
him
i guess i was just too damn good

THERE CAN'T BE A CONNECTION BUT

ever notice how the salaries of
sports and movie stars have risen
in direct proportion to the price
of illicit extracurricular drugs?

— Paula Creasy-Fontaine

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