

stacked is stronger than
alone, stones wall their rock-love
around rounds of souls

STONE LOVE

Our stone wall encloses nothing here, except
Nirvana. Knights of Stone guard the yard, bury
boulders mounded shoulder to shoulder, defend
this graceful beach cottage against ferocious
currents whipping the cove into mapcap swells.
An abandoned glacial sentinel at the gate plays
rock-paper-scissors with a chameleon ill wind,
prehensile tail flailing like a clade of lizards.
Our fence fences tempests, sea serpents who woo
fresh coats of paint and newly nailed shingles.
We know the rocky barrier may keep the bay at bay
but will not win the wind war. Still, we cheer on
our chivalrous enclosure defending the honor of
our Nirvana, knowing it is only a matter of time
before a hurricane returns to carry her home.

OF STONE WALLS AND NIRVANA

A hawk stalks
a stonewall.
Dinner is stacked up
there. Chipmunks
and snakes.
A mouse plays
dead but is only
stoned between
a rock and a moss
place. This quarry
covers for its
guests facing
predators. Face it:
Nature is a
Mother.

MOTHER NATURE

Brooks, trees, and ledges landscape these acres.
Only stone is left to mark the crossroad
of human and god.

GLACIER

OF CAIRNS AND LEGENDS

Pap sings a hymn 'o swears, that "dang stone's
a farmer's nightmare, can't till 'em under,
tear a plow and a horse asunder.
Toss the bloody things o'er there, and
spare me their sight." So I configured
those fieldstones into turtles and bears
and a few hiding nooks to outsmart crooks
and the likes of Ole Guff, tumble and rough
after guzzling hard cider at the valley tavern.

One day, while playing hide and seek, I seen
Ole Guff claw his way up the hill,
a'huntin Pap who fired him from the mill.
I stood up and screamed, "Look out! Pap!"
He's got a rifle! . . ." Bang! Bang!
Now my spirit roams this place,
where Pap's fires spired Maple Valley
for miles, for generations,
his smoky grief still haunting this wood.

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