

Dejection Falls Apart

like dirt under nails
like rust staining nails
like when the moon ails
this feeling was encumbering me
till a spark sparks
flowers blossom in the parks
and the sun's lights climb on top
of the arches

A New Light

What fire gave me was a new light.
The music of its dancing embers
was not a phantom.
Flashes of crimson flame ascended the sky.
I just perished in them
the way ice-cream thaws.
The tarry storm abated
& the glowing flies started licking the ice-cream.
What fire gave me was a tickling sensation —
an urgent itch
to destroy remnants of the black threads
that had bated me,
& to skim for lanterns
in the abysmal darkness.

Booby-trapped Pigeons

The dictator ordered
that each carrier pigeon
had to be booby-trapped.
The dictator wanted
that each advocate
of freedom
had to be exploded.
But he forgot
that blood would irrigate
seeds of liberty,
& that pigeons would continue
to bathe in the fountain
of freedom,
while pecking little grains
given to them
by a little innocent child.

Moon's Cloth Embroidered with Poems

Tonight
I climbed the full moon
to make a wish —
a nocturnal wish.
I climbed the moon's protruding lights
that were stitching a mesmerizing lunar cloth
embroidered with poems.
"May the moon's cloth
wipe the tears of the hopeless!"
Light and dream entwined
while climbing the full moon.

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Freedom Clip

for Charles Bernstein

It is "Freedom" lying out there
in a sunny beautiful day under
the fragrant apple tree, gently,
but seductively, caressing her soft body
while bathing with apple juice and red wine.
She looks irresistible with that
captivating smile
that lures the ones who speak for their rights
and who resist the frigid silence
to bathe with her under the apple tree...

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