

Under a trellis of vines
 on the porch
 of a Cyprus tavern,
 I tip my head
 and dangle
 a cluster
 of grapes
 over my open
 mouth slowly
 lowering
 the fat winy
 globe bursting
 from its
 purple skin
 until my lips
 close over it
 and I bite.

From the Vine

Dried and shriveled on
 the white stone sill,
 the warm air redolent with
 the elusive scent
 of the golden fruit
 which days before filled
 the blue china bowl. Reflected
 in a mirror, a china blue
 sky framed by the open
 farmhouse window and
 the white stone sill with
 orange peel drying.

Metamorphosis

The flame trees spread
 in a line like
 a vermilion gash
 across the throat of
 the mountain.

Hong Kong

As I walk up the street
 in the no colour of a newly
 washed dawn
 before me
 just over a rise
 explode
 a mass of little yellow suns
 glowing in their yellowness
 a mound of squash
 rising
 off the gray and dirty pavement.

Jakarta Street Market

Out here, in Jakarta,
 humidity hangs,
 like a sodden blanket
 fills the air
 until the molecules
 leak
 seeping
 into the pores of my hands
 until the skin fills
 fingers fat and bloated
 hanging
 like hands
 of yellow bananas.

Hands

Colour Palette
 by Margo Roby



Margo comments,
 “The theme or focus of these
 particular poems, is colour.
 My poems are usually longer and I found
 while learning to write shorter poems
 [which I have much enjoyed]
 that it is easier, for now,
 to focus on image.”



Margo Roby has been caught up in
 moving 20 years of her life from
 Jakarta to Atlanta, Georgia.
 She has just unpacked this collection
 for the Origami Poems Project.

Driving Southern California

Driving North on Interstate 5
 I look out the window of the car
 at ripples of bitter chocolate,
 cocoa, coffee, burnt sienna,
 wheat, gold, amber, straw,
 sage and dots of pine green.

Sprawled like a large
 slumbering puppy
 the hills’ thick furred pelt
 lies creased and textured
 like the folds of a Shar Pei.

It’s brown, my brother says
 looking out the window.

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