

Six matches, Seven cigarettes

October 27th
 Awake at 5am.
 Sleep is a mystery.
 Four ducks. Five.
 In front of me.
 Three landed simultaneously.
 I just ate a stale dinner roll
 From three days ago
 After I scraped off the mold.

She's Right There

In less than one minute a woman
 will enter the bar alone.
 Before she fully removes her coat,
 you'll be in love.
 She'll sit three stools down,
 looking often to the back.
 Her right hand will touch her neck,
 her eyes will close as she exhales.
 You'll feel it in your chest
 whether you approach,
 or let her go.
 Confess or run.
 But never lose sight
 of what might be.

Balls

The label said it was made by Balls Inc. in Taiwan.
 What a ways, I wondered and thought,
 This ball has traveled.
 Again, the birds didn't care.
 Gobble and gulp.
 At this point I should clarify that the term "gobble"
 When used to describe gulls
 is more of a motion than a sound.
 It's the shake of the head and throat
 When swallowing a fish whole.
 That's the gobble.
 The place is the gullet.
 The gulp is the sound.

Gone, again

The old suitcase is packed again
 with black tees and jeans.
 Southward and weary,
 I go alone, wrapped in sun
 and the scent of field daisies.
 Hope, the fateful guide,
 and I, like dreams of water
 to the field of wheat,
 will someday come true.

Stain

The toilet doesn't fit the bathroom.
 When I piss,
 I see myself in the mirror
 hung over the sink.
 Tonight I'm wearing a sweatshirt
 from work, a job last year,
 which is stained with grease,
 brown, black and smeared,
 and I remembered every
 unwashable moment.

Nature's Guff

Not much on this Tuesday, I said
 to a rolling wave that crashed
 in response
 and I felt scoffed at
 and Holy
 and neverminded
 until I gave in to the roll
 of the next wave,
 and the next,
 and the next.
 Road Weary

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