

Jerome Berglund's nomination for the Judges' Choice

rising fog
in the chestnut pond
a family of mallards

Neena Singh

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brake lights
in the distance
gypsy guitar

Jerome Berglund

the Blackbird's song
outside the inmate's window
alone in the dark

Carl Bachmann

bug of the day
a straw in the wind
pale gold

Richard Bailly

third glass of wine
the warmth of her smile
under a strawberry moon

Royal Basinger

ocean's edge
a seagull landing
on its one leg

Rowan Beckett

musty attic
dad's youth and my childhood
together in a box

Mona Bedi

north easterly breeze
beating green wheat fields
a buzzard's wings

Dorothy Burrows

nodding off
outside the nursing home
dandelions

petro ck

autumn mist
the light of a cottage window
on marigolds

Marion Clarke

beans ready for pickin'
new bird song
another sip of coffee

Ronald K Craig

day lilies
a mouse tail hanging
from a set of jaws

Timothy Cremin

family meeting
behind a closed door
the ticking of the clock

Alvin B Cruz

on the autumn hill
a young couple
a fallen kite

Rosie Dang

park bench
the homeless man scrubs bird shit
from a once familiar name

Tracy Davidson

after-hours
supermarket bins—
horns of plenty

Stephen DeGuire

firefly night
the red end of cigarettes
of smokers on the terrace

Marie Derley

black clouds
in the long grass
a red wheelbarrow

Adele Evershed

prom night
slow dances & couple photos
cheek to cheek

Eavonka Ettinger

lovers' graffiti
on a ficus tree
the grebe's shriek

Joshua Gage

broken barbwire
tiny hands reach
Lamb's ears

Kathy Halsey

mayfly falls
one small ripple
trout rises

Ruth Happel

summer's end
the silence between embers
& moonset

Lav Hart

slow setting sun
grandma stops to admire
wedding dresses

John Hawkhead

berry picker
bear in the brambles
abandoned pail

JL Huffman

wind chimes
and a bird song
one stormy evening

Sangita Kalarickal

summer shower
a rainbow breaks
into skylark song

Lori Kiefer

unmasked
the Venetian prostitute
exposes her pain

Noel King

romp 'cross a meadow
doodle dog and butterfly

piggybacking

Wayne Kingston

Brian LeBansky's nomination for the Judges' Choice

evening picnic
sandmartins swirl across
mackerel sky

Claire Ninham

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double rainbow
over the cemetery
cicada's song

Natalia Kuznetsova

late winter haze;
the last ride i take
in my first car

Anthony Lusardi

brittle leaves
the old turtle's struggle
up a tree stump

Richard L Matta

flea market
an old man, an old woman
then a turtle

Mircea Moldovan

make-up date
smoothing the picnic blanket
over crab grass

Anne Morrigan

pink mallow
and a circling red kite
stuck in this traffic

Ben Oliver

morning sun
a rose branch shadow
arcs the room

Debbie Olson

nesting material
under the crepe myrtle
birthday party

Lorraine Padden

under the umbrella
a sari-draped woman
wearing sneakers

Christa Pandey

my noiseless grief
and this lark singing
near and far

Vandana Parashar

ancient white pine –
an eagle
on its dead crown

Curt Pawlisch

Srinivasa Rao Sambangi's Nomination for the Judges' Choice.

blooming weeds
a blotch of rust
on the garden chair

Ravi Kīran

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starry night –
shards of laughter
crickets stop singing

Cristina Povero

the smell of manure
a blossoming elderberry
rural summer

Michaela Robořová

summer conference
thunder and lightning
we navigate gingerly

Bona M Santos

the boy whistles
his pony trots and nods
summer breeze

Minal Sarosh

a fat thrush
under the small bird feeder
sunflower hearts

Ann Smith

shelling peas...
his bricklayer's hands
fill the bucket

Matt Snyder

church supper
three sparrows fill the sky
with song

Joshua St. Claire

All Souls Day –
waxing gibbous moon
in and out of clouds

Kathleen Tice

cirrocumulus...
in mid-dive
silence of a hawk

Richard Tice

afternoon breeze –
on the lush green lawn
a lone dandelion

Tuyet Van Do

the Milky Way...
a blackthorn hedge
clotted with blossom

Tony Williams

a honeybee
on a hairpin
the queen with her comb

Robert Witmer

waves of clouds on water under the bridge

Colette Kern

Keith Evetts' Nomination for the Judges' Choice.

red sunset
in the ancient stone circle
a hooded crow

Kimberly Kuchar

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promise of rain
a few crabs in the hole
of a stranded lifebelt

Keith Evetts