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a note from me to you

*A special thank you to everyone who made the March issue a success! It was very well received! I'd also like to thank all of you who submitted this month. I cannot stress enough that this journey would not be possible without **you**. I sincerely hope you enjoy this issue. I look forward to more submissions from all of you next month!*

*stay rad,
Lori A Minor*

waiting room . . .
wondering what we're all
really waiting for

- **Kirsten Cliff Elliot**

big sky
my breath
a part of it

- **Kirsten Cliff Elliot**

recycling
their affair
Earth Day

- **Roberta Beach Jacobson**

wearing a gold band
wolf in sheep's clothing

- **Kimberly Spring**

pregnant
I blow a petal
from granny's hair

- **Joanne van Helvoort**

sickle moon
the curl in his lips
when he lies

- **Joanne van Helvoort**

silver birch buds
opening in sunshine
the starling's wing

- **Mal Ward**

spring rain....
the piglets reflection
in a puddle

- **Mal Ward**

not fitting inside looking out

- Julie Warther

days lengthening my longing

- Julie Warther

*extra hour
we alibi
each other*

- Julie Warther

*confessional –
not even the snow
is spotless*

- Lavana Kray

*caterpillar climbing
a daffodil leaf
the urge to start again*

- Lucy Whitehead

*growing
into myself
topiary butterfly*

- Lucy Whitehead

*driving the backroads
carrying precious cargo
my sister's ashes*

- Dianne Moritz

*moonless night...
deepens the darkness
a mother's lullaby*

- Hifsa Ashraf

homeless child counting pink dots the pellet gun

- Hifsa Ashraf

chinar leaves her untold story in the empty street

- Hifsa Ashraf

*the hole
she left in my heart
hag stone*

- Kelly Sauvage Angel

*releasing all
but the final cork
theta therapy*

- Kelly Sauvage Angel

*a bud
too fresh to be named
post-traumatic growth*

- Kelly Sauvage Angel

*an old movie
seen with my mother -
worn robe*

- Angiola Inglese

daylight saving ends she checks her credit

- Wanda Amos (HaikuWANDArings)

*new moon...
how I wish to see
a pink line*

- Cherry A

*old scarf...
her memories
yarn by yarn*

- Cherry A

*ladies' night
the smeared lip gloss
of a newbie*

- Anna Cates

*second chance
I color my hair
hot pink*

- Barbara Kaufmann

*Independence day
she insists upon pushing
her own stroller*

- Barbara Kaufmann

*rosa rugosa
a part of me
still runs wild*

- Barbara Kaufmann

tea ceremony
the warmth of his breath
on my cheek

- Akira Yagami

post office queue
the guy behind me
strokes his package

- Akira Yagami

dead houseplant
I put the pregnancy test
beside it

- Akira Yagami

half-moon -
how many years
remaining for me?

- Anne Curran

comet streak...
an old lipstick
at the bottom of my bag

- Theresa A. Cancro

gibbous moon ~
a refugee bathes
her child

- Theresa A. Cancro

faded love letters ...
how far
will the paper crane fly

- Eva Limbach

stolen kisses —
our bench smothered with
magnolia blossoms

- Eva Limbach

*two hearts beating
mine for you and yours
for her*

- Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

*end game
the diagnosis
is positive*

- Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

*family gathering . . .
the crescent rolls
frown*

- Valentina Ranaldi-Adams

*short meeting -
when the words
are useless*

- Margherita Petriccione

*sea breeze -
salt covers
your scent*

*brezza marina -
la salsedine copre
il tuo profumo*

- Maria Teresa Sisti

*divorce talk
the loud pedal
of the piano*

- Guliz Mutlu

small town the order of things

- Anna Maris

*wishbone
if only he would share
these dark days*

- Anna Maris

*NEXT STOP : SLEEP LANE
found poem*

- Helen Buckingham

*my future left standing
outside The Head's Office*

- Helen Buckingham

wolf moon light falls across your still face

- Debbie Strange

*social
constructs
evergreens
bowed
down
with
snow*

- Debbie Strange

*Dad's books . . .
the thumbprints of who
he used to be*

- Debbie Strange

three decades and still cocooned in the ordinary

- Shloka Shankar

*dating app
finding more square pegs
in round holes*

- Shloka Shankar

*colour by number
the time it takes
to emerge (w)hole*

- Shloka Shankar

wild poppies the desire to be free

- Deborah P Kolodji

*holding hands
under the Torii gates
the length of her blush*

- Deborah P Kolodji

*echoes in rain
...one-day love
in a rented room*

- Réka Nyitrai

*rain patter
the way I used to
tiptoe*

- Cyndi Lloyd

*pattern fitting
mom's frustration
pins my body*

- Cyndi Lloyd

*the black mark
on my permanent record —
molestation*

- Julie Bloss Kelsey

*my inner children
violated one by one —
dominoes*

- Julie Bloss Kelsey

*after years of therapy
the rambling
of wildflowers*

- Tia Haynes

*unswept floors
we no longer look
each other in the eye*

- Tia Haynes

*mastectomy
I test the firmness
of a honeydew*

- Martha Magenta

*Lothario
never a rose
without a prick*

- Martha Magenta

a rain of
petals s h u f f l e
barefoot monk

-Christina Chin

glitch in the matrix –
every time I hear
"I told you so!"

- Angelescu Cristina

raindrops in ocean
... don't we all try
to make a difference

- Vandana Parashar

bomb blast
the last piece of pie
uneaten

- Vandana Parashar

low tide -
not even a message
on my cellphone

- Anna Maria Domburg-Sancristoforo

what I've given
of my love
spring wind

- Maria Concetta Conti

pink snapdragons
holding hands
at the divorce lawyer's

- Kath Abela Wilson

25 years
the sticky situation
of his spider silk

- Kath Abela Wilson

*his words
lost in the dark -
starless sky*

- Rosa Maria Di Salvatore

*taking my virginity
lion on the prowl*

- Lori A Minor

Femku Feature by Tia Haynes

at first sight

*conversion
the love
I could never have*

*confessing
every sin
first date*

*engagement photos
only our feet
touch*

*wedding night
I pretend
he's my first*

*role-play
I perfect
submission*

*finally winning
God's approval
first pregnancy*

*pastor's wife
my first name
forgotten*

*our daughter's smile
you tell me
you never believed*

*new haircut
shedding
my fundamentalism*

*all that's left
the rings
we no longer wear*