

Broken Wings (Murder Scene)

hair the very definition of chaos
skin pale, but not fair like Snow White
sallow cheeks, lifeless
anemic Wednesday Adams
she coiled beside me on a cluttered couch
of a post-grunge murder scene
filled with hippy death zombies
strung out on a couch with no legs
playing *Take These Broken Wings*
on an HP CRT rainbow square screensaver
I sat up straight with my potato feet
rooted into the ground
her side-eyeing whispered *fuck me*
but her chaos hair smelled like daddy issues

Two-day Shipping

Monday, she fell victim
to another Amazon one-click order
while waiting to be called back

Glass pressed against the door
eavesdropping on nature
listening to waves crashing
against a chamber void of life

Tuesday, she whisked
through white halls, unprepared
unrepairable, reciting a plea to God

The improvisational essayist
writing a how-to on how to write
an ending without a beginning
an anesthetic tragedy

Wednesday, she heard a knock
Amazon two-day shipping
blue smiles flipped upside down

A hollow box of myths
and what ifs
and the rainbow onesie
that she bought on Monday

Cat Lady

I am nerve cells firing
in a shell of collagen and calcium
unfinished papers covering my desk

I am the fat kid at war with his peers
with a rope around my belly
heels creating canyons in the dirt

I am a compressed file
password protected and buried
in a folder within a folder within a folder

I am the crazy cat lady, bitching
never pleased
always leaving the garden unattended

Friday, 2:37am

reactions to substances
break dancing in my brain
leads to depleted serotonin
recycled tin cans
and hindsight apologies
after coffee and breakfast

The Elephant

when you are at your lowest
and the world is too much to bear
when your knees buckle
and you are left alone
with only you and your own despair

stop whining
 stop rhyming
 consider the elephant

the elephant can swim, an elephant
larger than a mid-sized caravan, the elephant
ask yourself, how can it be
that an animal this large, this heavy
a mass heavier than your heaviest anchor
with thick skin resembling a dense rock
how does this creature stay buoyant?
how can an elephant swim?